

Quarterly Meeting - 7th August 1907.

A meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on Wednesday 7th August 1907.

Present :- Sir J. H. Gattan Esmonde Bart., M.P. (presiding)
Other members :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, James Donohoe, M. Browne, John Sinnott, Mark Codd, H. C. Murphy, Thaddeus Bolger, E. Hore, J. E. Mayler, John J. Kehoe, A. Kinsella, M. Hickey, J. Cummins, J. Asple, M. Doyle, John Bolger, and D. Kavanagh.

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

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the proposals for payment as submitted by the Proposal Committee be hereby adopted, and Paying Orders for same be issued by our Secretary."

Absence from meeting

The following letter was read from Mr. James Codd, J.P. member of the Council, relative to his non-attendance at meeting:-

"I regret that as I am one of the judges at the Rathfriland Battle Show, I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the County Council on Wednesday next to vote in favour of the resolution which is to be proposed by Mr. Ennis, protesting against the withdrawal of the Irish members from Parliament.

I would have given Mr. Ennis's motion my heartiest support if circumstances had allowed me to be present."

Mr. D. Dempsey, County Councillor, wrote that owing to an accident to one of his feet, he would not be able to attend the meeting."

Tuberculosis Exhibition

A circular letter was read from the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, stating that a Tuberculosis Exhibition would be held in connection with the Home Industries Section of the Dublin Exhibition, from the 15th October until the close of the Exhibition, and asking the County Council to nominate two representatives on the consultative committee, which would meet for the first time towards the end of August.

"No. Order"

Burial of Carcases at Kilmore.

Under date 18th July 1907, the following letter No. H. 7983, was read from the Secretary of the Board of Trade:-

"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to state that they have had under consideration the arrangements to be made in future with regard to the burial of carcases washed ashore within the limits of the former Coast Guard Station at Kilmore.

Owing to the withdrawal of the Coast Guard there is not at present any officer in that district who is responsible to this Department, and it appears to the Board of Trade that it might be convenient if the Wexford County Council would themselves undertake the arrangements for the burial of such carcases. This would leave the question of the cost of burial altogether in the hands of the Council, who might regard that as a more satisfactory arrangement. If however, the Council desire to leave the matter in the hands of the Board of Trade, the Board will make the best arrangements they can for the work to be carried out under the directions of the Deputy Receiver of Wreck at Wexford."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Harbour Master at Kilmore, and ask him if he would carry out the work of burying carcases washed ashore at Kilmore, and at what rate. That the Board of Trade be informed that the Wexford County Council

desire to keep the performance of this work in their own hands."

— Direct Labour for Roads. —

Under date 28th June 1907, the following letter was read from Mr L. Tracey, Divisional Secretary, Irish Land and Labour Association:-

"I am directed by the South Wexford Divisional Committee of the above to send you a copy of the following resolution passed at a meeting of the above committee, held at Wellington Bridge on May 30th."

That we respectfully request the Wexford County Council to adopt the system of direct labour in connection with public works. Having regard to the fact that Direct Labour is working satisfactorily in other counties, we trust the county council will give the system a trial on some of the public roads in the county."

"Mr Cummins said he would give notice of motion for the adoption of a scheme of direct labour, and which could be considered at the next meeting of the council."

— Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill. —

Mr J. E. Redmond, M. P., wrote on the 12th July 1907, enclosing copy of amendments which the Government were prepared to accept as regards the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill, but which the Irish Party were not satisfied with as new clause 3 provided in another form for the control and supervision of the Board of Works.

The following is the draft of the proposed amendments:-

Clause 1, page 1, line 12 leave out from "council" to the end of line 19.

Clause 1, page 2, line 9, after "specifying" insert - in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Clause 2, page 3 leave out lines 16 and 17.

Pages 3, after clause 2, insert new clause:-

As to undertaking } 3. - (1) where a navigation work is aided
of works } by funds provided by Parliament by

way of grant or loan or affects any work already constructed with the aid of such funds the work shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be undertaken by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, or subject to their supervision by persons and in accordance with plans and specifications approved of by them.

Provided that where the estimated cost of a navigation work does not exceed three thousand pounds, and where the sole contribution out of public moneys in aid of the work is made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, or by the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, then the work shall be undertaken by the said Department or Board, as the case may be, or subject to their supervision by persons and in accordance with plans and specifications approved of by them.

(2) In the case of any work to which the foregoing provisions of this section do not apply, the work shall be undertaken by the local authority who made application for the Order in Council, or, subject to their supervision, by persons and in accordance with the plans and specifications approved of by them.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Redmond on 6th August 1907.

"Negotiations between Irish Party and Government are still proceeding wont know result for day or two if our amendments are accepted will safeguard all Councils interests if not accepted Bill will have to be dropped for this session as we cant allow it to pass in present form."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kinsella the following resolution was adopted:- "That we approve of the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill, subject to the omission of sub-section b. of clause 1. Any amendment re-instating the provisions of this sub-section in any form will not be acceptable."

Close of Rate Collection

Under date 12th July 1907 the following letter (No 33753-07)

Wexford County - was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland having had before them the resolution of the Wexford Co. Council of the 26th ultimo, proposing that the dates for closing the collection of the poor rate should be changed from 31st March to 30th April; and from the 30th September to 31st October; and, in reply, the Board desire to point out that an alteration of this character could only be effected by legislation.

Under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the financial year is fixed to end on 31st March and under Article 19 of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, where the accounts, ^{are required to be audited yearly,} receipts, &c, must be made up half-yearly to the 30th September, and the 31st March in each year.

The Board direct me to add that, under the prescribed dates for closing, the collection of the poor rate for the past seven years has gone on very well, in fact the collection has steadily improved throughout the country year by year; and in the Board's opinion it would be inexpedient to make any change in the present dates."

marked "Read."

Hire of Dredger "Sisyphus"

With reference to hire of dredger "Sisyphus" from the Board of Works a letter was read from that body forwarding a detailed account of the work done, and payments by the County Council. From this it appeared that the Wexford County Council owed the Board of Works £35 : 16 : 8, to clear off their liability.

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

That the balance due Board of Works for hire of dredger £35 : 16 : 8, be paid, and that the Department of Agriculture, be asked to pay half the cost £180 : 8 : 4 for hire of dredger "Sisyphus" from the Board of Works to carry out dredging operations at Duncannon and Arthurstown Harbours."

Food & Drugs Act.

At the last meeting of the Council a resolution was adopted recommending to the Inspectors under the Food & Drugs Act that in cases in which they have not a reasonable suspicion of intended fraud or culpable neglect they should call the attention of the seller to an adverse report of the analyst, and if a fair explanation is given by the seller, they should take a second sample for analysis before issuing a summons, as this course had been adopted in England and Scotland.

In reference to this resolution a letter was read under date 29th June from the County Inspector R. J. G., stating that Inspectors had been informed of the resolution adopted by the Council.

Under date 9th July the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote that two samples of butter had been recently taken at Camolin by their officer, and were found to be pure.
marked. "Read."

Audits

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of their Auditor in connection with the accounts of New Ross Union, and District Council, and County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for half year ended 31st March 07, also report of audit of the accounts of District Lunatic Asylum, for same period.

Poulduff Pier

Under date 17th July 1907 the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote letter (No. 6168-07. F. B) relative to works at Poulduff Pier:-

"Adverting to the resolution of the Wexford Co. Council passed on 26th ultimo, recommending a variation in the scheme for the improvement of Poulduff Harbour which would involve provision for an increase of funds beyond the amount of the existing contract, namely £2,298, I have to state for the information of the Council, that the Department are prepared to approve of the proposed

alteration in the scheme, and to add £350 to the sum of £150 which your Council proposes to contribute with the object of giving effect to their recommendation."

Chairman:- That is very satisfactory.

By-Laws for Harbours

under date 26th June 1907, the Board of Works wrote pointing out that by-laws framed by them in connection with the Sea Fisheries acts for Piers were only applicable to the pier or structure taken over by the County Council. Proceedings in connection with anything done relative to the Harbour should be taken under the statute governing the matter, but not under the by-law. "Referred to Solicitor of the Council."

Dredging at Duncannon & Arthurstown

Mr. Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Board, wrote under date 4th July relative to dredging at Arthurstown and Duncannon, that his commissioners would not be disposed to incur any expense in dredging for reasons which he had already given, and just at present they were short of dredging plant even for pressing work.

"Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Hickey and passed:- That our Secretary communicate with the Board of Trade, and lay before them the facts in connection with the dredging of Arthurstown Harbour, and ask them if they can give any advice to the County Council, as to what steps can be taken to oblige the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, to have this Harbour put in efficient condition."

The Contracts Gazette

An application was read from the manager of the Contracts Gazette (described as the official organ of the Dublin Industrial Development Association) for a share of the advertisements of the County Council.

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- That advertisements for

special supplies for the Council in cases in which it is considered desirable that advertisements should appear in other than local papers be inserted in the Contracts Gazette."

— Dungannon Club, Belfast. —

The Secretary of the Dungannon Club, Belfast forwarded a statement, re Irish Council Bill, and in which 60. Councils were asked to "demand the withdrawal of the Irish Members from the English Parliament."

"No action taken as the questions raised in the letter were brought up on notice of motion by Mr M. A. Ennis."

— Inspection of Ballycullane Fairs. —

at the meeting of the Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, held on 6th July the following resolution was adopted:— "That we recommend the County Council to agree to a payment of £37:10/- per annum to Mr. Dobblyn B.S. for the inspection of 25 fairs in his district."

Under date 27th July 1907 the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter no. 3901) as follows:— "With reference to your communication of the 8th Instant, I am directed to state that the recommendation of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee of your County Council at their meeting on the 6th Instant, that payment of a sum of £37:10/- per annum be made to Mr. Dobblyn for inspection of 25 fairs in his district, viz:—

Ballycullane	12 fairs
Ballyhack	12 fairs
Foulkermills	1 fair

appears reasonable in all the circumstances, and no objection would be offered, so far as the Department are concerned, to such recommendation being carried into effect."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:— That we approve of the recommendation of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee granting Mr. A. Dobblyn. B.S. a sum of £37:10/-

per annum for the inspection of 25 fairs in his district viz:- 12 at Ballycullane, 12 at Ballyhack, and one at Foulksmills."

Outbreak of Anthrax

The following letter No. 3780 under date 5th July 07 was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to outbreak of anthrax at Kiltaly.

"With reference to your letter of the 1st Instant, and its enclosures herewith returned, I am directed by this Department to say that in the special circumstances no objection would be raised, so far as the Department are concerned, to Mr. Doyle's claim for a fee of £2: 2/- in respect of extra duty in connection with the anthrax outbreak at J. Neville's premises, Kiltaly being passed for payment by the local authority.

As regards the other expenses in the same matter (amounting to a total of £6: 13/-) particulars of which are given in the additional bills supplied by Mr. Doyle, I am to state that these appear to the Department to be of a reasonable character, and if the Local Authority are satisfied that they are reasonable also in amount, the sums should be paid."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of the Finance Committee in paying Mr. W. J. Doyle, F.S., a sum of £8: 15/- in connection with outbreak of anthrax at Kiltaly."

Gorey School Attendance Committee.

Under date 4th June, a letter was read from the Secretary to the Commissioners of National Education, asking for the names of the persons appointed by the County Council to represent them on the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Mr. Brighton, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council, wrote under date 15th July, that at a meeting of the Council held on 13th July a motion was carried, that the Irish Education Act 1892, be discontinued in the District."

Under date 5th July the following letter was read from Mr. Owen Connolly, Clerk to Enniscorthy Rural

District Council :-

"In reply to your letter of the 28th June 1907, re compulsory Education Act, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Cleary, seconded by Mr. D. Nolan, and passed unanimously:- "That as the compulsory Education Act has done much good in this district as evidenced by the high percentage on the rolls of schools since its enforcement, we are of opinion that it would be a highly retrograde step to discontinue its working."

marked "Read."

Loans from Board of Works.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 20th July the following resolution was agreed to :-

"That the Finance Committee having had before them the subject of the outstanding loans on Arklow Harbour and Mountgarrett Bridge, and having in view the communication of the National Bank to the Chairman of the Wexford County Council, when the question of transferring the account of the County Council from the Provincial to the National Bank was under consideration, offering to advance any loans required by the County, at 3 per cent. We recommend to the County Council, to borrow from the National Bank, a sum sufficient to extinguish these two small loans at the rate of 3 per cent, to pay off the outstanding principal with the Board of Works, as the operation would mean a saving to the Rate-payers."

In reply to this resolution the following letter was received from Mr. Kennedy, Manager Wexford Branch National Bank, under date 23rd July:-

"Your letter of the 22nd, came duly to hand, and shall have my best attention, but this week the majority of our Board of Directors will be occupied by the half-yearly meeting in Dublin. I shall forward your application early next week, and trust reply will be in time for the next Council meeting. The 3% mentioned does not include the sinking fund - which you will work out for the Council. Invest a certain sum annually, and lodge certificates therefor with the Bank."

Under date 2nd August 1907, the following was read from Mr. Kennedy, manager National Bank, Wexford:-
 "Your letter of the 23rd ult., containing a resolution of the Finance Committee of your Council on the 20th ult., requesting a loan of £5,000 or thereabouts, to pay off 2 small existing loans; at the rate of interest originally agreed upon - namely 3 per cent per annum, was submitted to our Directors, and I am desired to say that such a loan will be in order when approved of by the Local Government Board; and the usual mortgage given to the Bank.

With regards to repayment I presume it will be effected by a "Sinking Fund" to be kept at your office under inspection of the L. G. Board Auditor, and the certificate in the Bank for safe keeping."

The Secretary explained that Arklow Harbour Loan had yet 25 years to run. The Annual Instalment to the Board of Works amounted to £242 : 18 : 4, so that it would take £6072 : 18 : 4 to clear off the loan.

The outstanding principal after last payment was £3886 : 12 : 11.

Borrowing £3887 from the National Bank at 3 per cent the instalment would be £228 : 4 : 5 for 25 years - £106 : 12 : 3, for sinking fund and £116 : 12 : 2 for interest. The people of the Barony of Gorey would therefore contribute £5580 : 10 : 5, to extinguish the loan which would represent a saving of £492 : 7 : 11.

For Mountgarrett Bridge the loan had to run for eleven years. The instalment to the Board of Works was £138 : 8/-, so the total amount to be paid was £1522 : 8/- . Borrowing £1160 amount of principal outstanding after last payment, from the National Bank at 3 per cent the locality would have to pay an annual instalment of £114 : 11 : 4 (Sinking Fund £82 : 15 : 4, and Interest £31 : 16/-) total £1260 : 4 : 8d, or a saving of £262 : 3 : 4."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:- "That we accept the offer of the National Bank in connection with advance of loan of £5000 to pay off outstanding principal on Arklow Harbour and Mountgarrett Bridge loans due

Board of Works, and subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. That we apply to the Local Government Board for their consent in this matter as to paying off these loans, by a loan from the National Bank which will save the ratepayers concerned a considerable sum of money."

— The Compulsory Sheep Dipping Order. —

The following recommendation from the Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, came up for confirmation:-

"This Committee considers that in the cases referred to in the police reports, which have been read for the meeting in which men had dipped their sheep, but were not able to produce a declaration on the fair, no proceedings should be taken; but in any cases in which the police consider they would be able to prove that the sheep had not been dipped, proceedings should be instituted. That, as these are the first cases, under the Act, the Police be requested not to press for a large penalty."

Under date 29th July the following letter was read from Head Constable Mc Bride, Wexford:-

"With reference to your minute of 10th inst., I beg to inform you I have had further inquiry made and it would appear that of the 21 persons found by the police exposing their sheep for sale at Loughmon Fair 19 of them admitted not having had their sheep dipped.

In these circumstances I would be obliged by your informing me at your earliest convenience whether you now advise prosecutions.

Your minute of the 10th inst., is quite explicit, but kindly say whether your Council desire it to be acted on generally by the Police, or whether you require reports of all future breaches of the Sheep Dipping Order to be reported to you and your instructions obtained regarding prosecutions."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:— That the Minute of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee relative to prosecutions

for breaches of the compulsory sheep Dipping Order be confirmed, and that a general instruction be given to the police to prosecute in all cases in which persons exhibit sheep at Fairs without the usual declaration form, provided these sheep have not been dipped, prior to the issue of summons."

Fethard Harbour.

Under date 6th August the following letter was read from Mr. Patrick Roche, Harbour master, Fethard:-

"I wish to inform you that Capt Clarke, of the "Alfred & Emma" forcibly took possession of the Fethard Harbour, without the permission of the Harbour master, and refused compensation to two boats, which on his account could not leave the harbour, and thereby lost the day's fishing. Hoping you will look into the matter immediately and see that the men get paid for the loss of their day's work."

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that this letter be referred to the Solicitor of the Council."

Ford of Lyng.

Mr. Elgee said that as regards the flooding of the road at the Ford of Lyng there was no owners for the lands the Council could prosecute, but the two mortgagees had made an offer to Judge Ross to buy the estate which they thought would be accepted. They undertook if they were declared the owners to see what could be done to relieve the flooding of the road. The Estate Commissioners had however stepped in and Judge Ross refused the offer of the mortgagees and adjourned the case to the 1st December. He had a letter from the Solicitor of the mortgagees, saying that as Judge Ross had adjourned the case they thought it would be fair that the matter should be held over for the present. They were anxious to meet the Council, and wanted to know if they carried out the necessary work would the County Council see their way to make a contribution to the expense - say that the County Council would pay one-third of

the cost.

on the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"The County Council are prepared to give an application from the mortgagees of the lands in connection with which flooding takes place at the Ford of Lyrng their favourable consideration, but desire to point out that the matter must first be dealt with by the Wexford Rural District Council."

Water Supply for Railway Co.,

Under date 25th July the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"The Railway Company intend bringing a water supply to their pier at Kilrane, and to do this it will be necessary for them to cross the road with their pipes in two places at Churchtown. We would feel obliged if you would kindly bring the matter before your Board at their next meeting, and ask them to grant the required permission."

Mr. Brennan who appeared for the Railway Co., stated that the company had obtained the consent of the adjoining owners and had paid for every foot of way-leave.

Mr. Hore opposed the motion which if granted, he said, would cause great injustice to the poor men living along the stream close to the well. It was considered that by tapping the well, the Railway Co., would interfere with this stream, on which a number of people were depending for water for their cattle. He would withdraw his opposition if the Railway company would give a guarantee to put a pipe from the well to the stream so that in a dry summer the people who used the stream would not be deprived of water.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the application of the Railway Company be acceded to."

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That a committee be appointed to negotiate with the Railway company with regard to a reasonable reduction

of the rates for farmers produce, and that it be an instruction to the Committee not to authorise the Company to cross the county roads except they consent to give a fair reduction for such produce, and give the required guarantel about the water."

A poll was taken with the following result:-
 For the amendment:- Messrs Kinsella, John Sinnott, Browne, M. Codd, Mori, Asple, Hickey. - 7.
 Against:- Messrs J. Bolger, Murphy, Donohoe, J. Bolger, Cummins, and M. Doyle. - 6.
 The following did not vote:- The Chairman, Messrs M. A. Ennis, Mayler, and Kehoe. - 4.

Mr. Kavanagh was not present.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The following Committee were appointed:-

Messrs Browne, Mori, J. Codd, & R. C. Murphy.
 to appoint their own Secretary, and arrange dates and hours of meetings.

Audit County Council Accounts.

Under date 2nd August 1907, (letter No. 39.672) the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding Auditors reports on accounts of the County Council, as follows:-

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

Application Sheep Dipping Inspectors - Increase of Salary.

The following application for increase of salary was received from Messrs Aidan Leary, William Stafford, Randal McDonald, and James J. Shortall, Sheep Dipping Inspectors:-

"We the Inspectors appointed under the compulsory Sheep Dipping Order for 1906 beg to submit that the salary of £1 weekly is insufficient. The Co. Council are aware that during the period our whole time must

be devoted to the discharge of duties in the Council's interest, and when the various expenses, including the wear and tear on clothes, repairs to bicycles, cost of postage and stationery, expense of days outing, loss of time etc., come to be considered, it must be obvious to any fair-minded individual, that the appointed salary of the Council is entirely unremunerative. Therefore we would respectfully suggest that our respective salaries be increased to £2 weekly, so as to enable us to discharge our duties with some confidence of a fair remuneration.

Obviously we are the worst paid officers of the Council and the total solicited increase amounts only to £40 - a small sum surely extended on four men.

In the County Mayo eight Inspectors are paid at the rate of £2: 10/- weekly, and furthermore in view of the enormous advantages (both financially and otherwise) accruing to the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Scheme, we feel confident that our humble claim shall meet with the unanimous approval of the Council. Thanking you in anticipation."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of the Inspectors under the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Order, be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee, and that the Inspectors be requested to appoint a representative to attend this meeting."

Holidays for County Surveyor.

"On the motion of the Chairman the Co. Surveyor was granted a month's holidays."

Minority Report - Department of Agriculture &

Technical Instruction Committee of Inquiry.

The following resolution from the County Waterford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. A. Ennis:-

"That the Waterford County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction desire to place on record their emphatic approval of the able and exhaustive minority

Report furnished by Mr. Micks, member of the Departmental Committee of Inquiry.

They would urge on all Irishmen - irrespective of breed or class - the importance of making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the findings of this Report and the irrefragable Historical Grounds upon which its recommendations are based.

In the opinion of this Committee, organised and continuous effort should be made to imbue our people with the justice of the Demands formulated; and the continuing and increasing obligation on the part of the English Government to make Restitution to our country for the injuries they have inflicted upon it in systematically striking at all our Industries - Land Fisheries, Trade, Manufactures, and Commerce, including Education."

Prosecution - Road Contractors.

On the application of the County Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the following road contractors be prosecuted for the state of their roads should the County Surveyor consider it necessary:- Wexford District:- Thomas Merriman No. 129^a Laurence Brosbie, No. 131, 131^a & 152. Patrick Fenlon No. 82. John Dowd No. 75, Patrick Cullen, George Browne. Enniscorthy Rural District:- Patrick Carty, Rahen, No. B. (Ballyeden Bridge) John Maddock. New Ross Rural District:- Bridget Flynn.

Branchardiere Prizes.

In reference to the Branchardiere prizes for crotchet awarded at the recent Industrial Exhibition at Wexford a letter was read from the Royal Irish Industries Association, to the Secretary of the Industrial Exhibition, that if the prizes were arranged according to the rules governing the prizes, and if the County Council approve, the prizes would be allowed to the Exhibition."

marked "Read"

The James Stephens Monument.

A circular signed by the Lord Mayor and others, Dublin

asking the County Council to participate in the endeavour to make successful a move to erect a suitable memorial stone over the grave of the late James Stephens, was read.

Mr. Cummins proposed: - "That £5 be voted to the James Stephens' memorial from the County Funds. The motion fell through for want of a seconder."

United Irish League Convention.

Mr. G. J. Irwin, Hon Sec North Wexford United Irish League forwarded six cards of admission for delegates appointed by the Co. Council to the Executive Committee of the United Irish League, to consider a letter from Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P. resigning his position as M.P. for North Wexford.

The following were appointed delegates to the convention Messrs John Sinnott, J. Bolger, John Bolger, A. Kinsella, M. Codd, and James Donohoe."

Recommendations of Finance Committee.

Collection of Rate.

Mr. Sinnott, Rate collector, having applied for £1 : 15 : 6 balance of costs in obtaining instalment and committal orders against John Shea, Blonmore, the Committee recommended that subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, £1 be voted to Mr. Sinnott as a contribution towards these costs.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger: - "That we agree to pay Mr. Sinnott, £1 : 15 : 6, the full amount of costs he has been out of pocket in obtaining instalment and committal orders against John Shea, Blonmore, as this was an exceptional case. That the Local Government Board be requested to consent to this payment."

Iara Hill Quarry.

In connection with power given the Committee by the Council, Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, was given power to employ three extra quarry men and a boy as messenger at Iara Hill Quarry.

The Committee are of opinion that the purchase of a Smith's forge cost not to exceed £7, and the employ-

ment of a journeyman Smith would tend to economy in the working of Tara Hill quarry."

"Approved on the motion of the chairman, wages not to exceed 25/- per week, preference to be given to a local man."

Courtown Harbour Committee

A recommendation from Courtown Harbour Committee for the erection of four concrete benches to be erected on the square at Courtown Harbour for the accommodation of the public, and to replace the old wooden seats, was not agreed to by the Finance Committee.

Resolution "Confirmed."

Telegraph Station at Rosslare Harbour

The Finance Committee by resolution called on the Great Southern & Western Railway Company, and the Postmaster General to have a telegraphic station erected at Rosslare Harbour, for the convenience of the public travelling by the new route.

The Secretary of the G. S. & W. Railway Co., acknowledged the resolution.

Resolution "Confirmed."

Malicious Injury Application Appeal

The Finance Committee recommended the Solicitor to the Council to appeal in the malicious injury claim of Robert Cardiff, Walshestown.

Resolution "Confirmed."

Direction Posts

Arising out of a letter and resolution from the Secretary to the Forth Agricultural and Industrial Association, relative to direction posts at Lannerhill Parting Roads, and Ballybrennan, having been erected in positions which made them dangerous to travellers by Car and Cycle; the following recommendation had been made by the Finance Committee:-

"That we ask Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, to inform us whether the Assistant Surveyors were consulted as to the positions in which these finger posts have been

erected, before being put in position, as some members of the Finance Committee are aware that the posts referred to in the resolution of the Forth Association, are in a dangerous position.

We would suggest to the County Surveyor, to ask the Assistant Surveyors to, at once, inspect all the posts to ascertain if they have been placed in proper position as regards the safety of the public."

The following letter, under date 27th July, from the County Surveyor, was laid before the meeting:-

"I have noted yours of the 19th inst., enclosing directions from the Finance Committee:-

I have long ago directed the contractor, Fitzpatrick to put the direction posts complained, about, close to the fences, but as he was engaged in other parts of the County, I allowed him to wait until he was working in the Wexford District again. I expect the posts will be in their right positions in the course of a week.

I have given directions to the assistants in accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee.

I have supplied the contractor with a map, showing the crossroads on which the posts were to be erected, and also diagrams for the boards, but I don't think the assistants were consulted during the erection."

Resolution "confirmed."

Overgrown Hedges.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the fact that members of the County Council have received complaints with reference to over-grown hedges causing an obstruction on roads, and that he request the Assistant Surveyors to have steps taken with a view to having any cause for complaint in this matter removed without delay."

Resolution "confirmed."

— Notice of motion - Parliamentary Represent-
atives at Westminster. —

Mr. M. A. Ennis, moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"That this Council regards as impolitic, unwise, and illogical, any proposal to withdraw the Irish Parliamentary representatives from Westminster, before and until a measure of legislative independence for Ireland has been obtained at least equal in its provisions to Gladstone's proposals.

That this resolution be an instruction to the representatives of this Council on the Irish County Councils General Council, and that copies be sent to each County Council in Ireland."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. Doyle proposed, and Mr. N. B. Murphy seconded, the following:- "That we, the Wexford County Council deem it unwise to bind ourselves or our representatives on the General Council of the Irish County Councils to a resolution that may deprive us of any right to express an opinion on future developments of Irish policy. We believe that it is in the truest interests of Ireland, that such bodies as ours, should not part with the right to approve or criticise the action of our Parliamentary representatives."

The following was the voting:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Browne, Murphy, Donohoe, Cummins, Doyle, Kavanagh, and the Chairman. 7.
Against:- Messrs John Bolger, Kinsella, Horu, Ennis, Kehoe, John Sinnott, M. Todd, J. Bolger, J. E. Maylor, Asple, and Hickey. 11.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As a further amendment the following was moved by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Browne:- "That this Council regards as impolitic, unwise, and illogical, any proposal to withdraw the Irish Parliamentary representatives from Westminster at present. and that in the meantime two-thirds or three-fourths of the members be employed (when not required for active Parliamentary duty) in Ireland organising the country in the promotion of financial justice,

national autonomy, equal rights, to all public positions in Ireland. And that the Parliamentary Party as a whole associate themselves with a council in Dublin, and co-operate with such council in all national matters and that such council consist of the General Council of County Councils, and of one District Councillor, one urban and one Town Councillor from each of the District Councils, Urban and Town Councils, and two members each from the City and Borough Councils of Dublin, Cork, Belfast, Waterford, and Limerick.

That this resolution be an instruction to the representatives of this Council, on the Irish County Councils General Council, and that copies be sent to each County Council, and to all City and Borough District and Urban Councils, and Poor Law Boards in Ireland.

The following was the result of the poll:-
 For the amendment:- Messrs Browne, Murphy, Donohoe, Cummins, M. Doyle, and the Chairman. - 6
 against:- Messrs J. Bolger, Kinsella, Hore, Ennis, Kehoe, John Sinnott, M. Codd, J. Bolger, Mayler, Kavanagh, Asple, and Hickey. - 12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was taken on the original motion proposed by Mr. Ennis with the following result:-

For:- Messrs John Bolger, Kinsella, Hore, Ennis, Kehoe, John Sinnott, M. Codd, J. Bolger, Kavanagh, Hickey and Asple. - 11.

against:- Messrs Browne, Murphy, Donohoe, Cummins, M. Doyle, and the Chairman. - 6.

Mr. Mayler did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Notice of Motion - Irish Manufacture.

Mr. Donohoe moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

Resolved:- That we the County Council of Wexford realising from our bitter experience and the history of our persecuted ancestors that National autonomy, financial justice, or social rights will never be granted by England except under compulsion; and physical pressure being out

of the question, in our present weakened and decimated state, we pledge ourselves to the policy of moral force, by the most rigorous resistance of English Trade in Ireland, and that in our corporate and individual capacity we shall refuse to purchase or use English manufacture, so long as we can get Irish, or the goods of America, Germany, France, or other foreign country, and we solemnly pledge ourselves for the sake of our country and of our posterity to persevere in the policy, until England shall have done full justice to Ireland in all her rightful demands.

Copies of this to be sent to the Irish Co. Councils General Council, the County Councils, District Councils, Poor Law Guardians, Urban and Corporate Councils, District Asylums, and other representative bodies."

Mr. Kavanagh seconded.

"Owing to the lateness of the hour the Chairman suggested that this resolution should be postponed, and this was agreed to by the proposer and seconder."

Irish Education Act 1892.

In reference to resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Council of the 7th May 1907, asking that fines imposed under the Irish Education Act 1892, should, as heretofore, be paid over in relief of local rates; the Petty Sessions clerks of Gorey and New Ross, wrote that they would as requested bring the matter to the attention of the Magistrates.

In acknowledging the resolution, Mr. M. Kavanagh clerk Wexford Petty Sessions, wrote:-

"I presume you will have observed by report in local newspapers that this matter was brought before the Magistrates at Wexford Petty Sessions on last Wednesday, 15th inst., by Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, who on behalf of the Wexford School Attendance Committee, claimed to be paid the whole of the Fine imposed in each case, before the Court. The Magistrates regretted that owing to the absence of statutory authority in that behalf they were unable to comply with Mr. O'Connor's application, but they made an order in each case under the 13.

section of the Fines (Ireland) act 1851 awarding one-third of the fines to complainants"

"Mr R. P. Corish, C. P. S. Loughmon, wrote that the magistrates at Loughmon Petty Sessions regretted that the existing statutes conferred on them no power to award the fines as requested."

"Mr J. B. Wallis, C. P. S. Athurstown, wrote to the same effect as Mr. Corish, C. P. S. Loughmon."
marked "Read."

Creation of County Stock

In connection with the proposed creation of County Stock the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the chairman:-

"That our Surveyor be instructed to ascertain the cost of constructing suitable marine works at Fithard, Carni, Slade, and at such other places on our coast, as can be usefully helped in this matter, and to report to this Council at its next meeting."

Rate Collection

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

"That our Secretary call the attention of the Rate collectors who are backward in their collection to the necessity of proceeding with their work with more dispatch and report the state of the collection to the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Analyst's Report

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street, Dublin.

30th July 1907.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June 1907.

38 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C. as follows

Article	Number
Butter	21
Milk	10
Whiskey	6
Rum	1

Total 38

certificate sent to Sergeant White, Laghmore, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

certificate sent to Sergeant Bredon, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 14 per cent of added water.

certificate sent to Sergeant Farrell, Wexford, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 17 per cent.

There were nine specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which were taken up in the County Wexford. Two contained excess of water, namely 18 and 19 per cent respectively.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs, five specimens of tea and one of port wine were analysed. One of the drugs namely, compound mixture of Senna, was high in gravity and crystallized magnesium sulphate.

For the Guardians of Korey Union fifteen drugs, ten specimens of wine and six of whiskey were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Antimonial Wine, contained an excess of tartar emetic.

The specimens of wine and whiskey were analysed to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters,	15.400	33.600
Including		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.014	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.007	0.007
Nitric acid	0.930	9.000
Chlorine	1.888	4.174
Sulphuric acid	4.3236	8.6472
Equal to calcium sulphate	6.0000	12.0000

No. 1. was a rather inferior water. No. 2. was a better quality, but not up to the standard of the purest waters.

One fertilizer was analysed for the Secretary, County Council.

Two fertilizers were analysed for major Harman, Adamstown
 Specimen of milk analysed for Dr. Keogh, Bannow was
 of rich quality.

Specimen of milk analysed for Mr. J. Delaney, Adamstown
 was of the average quality of pure milk.

Specimen of water analysed for J. S. Dawson, Esq., New
 Ross had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.
 Total solid matters. 8.260

Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.045
saline ammonia	0.175
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.689
Sulphuric acid	1.4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.0000

This liquid was more like sewage than potable water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the
 County Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. One of
 them namely Syrup of Ferrous Iodide, was deficient
 in iodine.

Total Analyses. 113.

Charles A. Cameron.

Homeward American mails

Under date 30th July 1907, a circular letter was read
 from the Secretary to the Cork Harbour Commissioners
 stating that arrangements had been made to meet Mr.
 McBlery, Assistant Postmaster General, U.S.A., to point
 out to him the inconvenience which is caused by the
 disembarkation of the homeward American mails at
 Portsmouth instead of Queenstown, and asking the
 County Council to authorise the Commissioners to say
 that the County Council are in sympathy with the
 objects of the meeting."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following
 resolution was adopted:— That we agree with the steps
 taken by the Cork Harbour Commissioners, relative to
 the disembarkation of the American mails at Queenstown."

W. W. G. G. G. G.

15 Nov 1907