

Statutable Quarterly Meeting.- 7th August 1918.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday 7th August 1918.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.
Also present:- Messrs Louis Barry, R. Scallan, J. J. O'Byrne, N. J., Cowman, N. J. Fowler, T. Asple, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Weekly Payments-Quarrymen.

Under date 31st July 1918, the following letter No. 29146-1918, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council, proposing to place a sum of £200 in the hands of the County Surveyor as an imprest account for making weekly payments to men working in the quarries "under the Direct Labour Scheme", and, in reply, I am to point out that the method proposed in this recommendation has already been decided as being illegal, and in this connection they would refer to their letter of the 28th January 1915, in which it was stated that it had been decided by the Lord Chief Baron in the Tipperary Presentment (1898, 2 I. R. 508) "that such advances on a prospective estimate of expenses are illegal".

The Board have further suggested to the County Council that the weekly payment of the wages of the workmen could readily be secured by the County Council arranging for the attendance of a quorum of the Finance Committee once a week to authorise the necessary payments to be made for this purpose.

In the circumstances, and having regard to the fact that the Council have several times been notified of the illegality of this proposal, the Board request me to state that if the proposal is persisted in it is obvious that a surcharge of the amounts paid

must follow.

I am further to add that no trouble of this kind exists in the other Counties where direct Labour has been adopted."

"No Order"

Sanction of Appointment of Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant
Surveyor.

Under date 26th July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 34324-1918, Wexford County, approving of the appointment of Mr J. J. Murphy, as Assistant County Surveyor, at a salary of £100 a year rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum.

"No Order"

Treatment of Venereal Disease.

Under date 18th July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29400-1918, Wicklow County) forwarding regulations made in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Act 1917, for Wicklow County as regards the treatment etc., of venereal disease and in view of the advisability of joint action by the authorities of adjacent areas.

No. 21869-1918 Wexford County) forwarding copy letter addressed by them to the Kerry County Council as to providing arrangements for the treatment of venereal disease, and which were solely for the Civil population, and particularly for the prevention of innocent suffering and pain.

The letter addressed by the Local Government Board to the Kerry County Council was under date 8th May 1918, and No. 17299: 1918 Kerry County. In their communication the Local Government Board

pointed out that the Kerry County Council seemed to be under misapprehension as regards the objects of the Scheme suggested by the Local Government Board. It was not the intention of the Local Government Board that the Council should make provision for the treatment of Military patients who are already adequately provided for by the Military Authorities. The Schemes put forward by the Board are intended for the Civil population amongst whom the disease is known to exist to a considerable extent, and the danger of the spread of the disease is accentuated by the fact that it may be

often innocently contracted and may exist unknown to the sufferers or even to their medical attendants especially as the arrangements for detention and treatment are so inadequate. The Board in bringing the matter before the County Council had in view the interests of suffering humanity and were particularly anxious to prevent innocent suffering and pain. It is in the interests of the ratepayers that the Council should take steps in the matter as considerable amounts were being spent out of the local rates in the maintenance of persons affected with paralysis, mental diseases, diseases of the heart and blood vessels and other ailments that result from venereal disease inefficiently treated in its early stages. The Local Government Board trusted that when the County Council considered these circumstances they will proceed to make County arrangements for the treatment of these diseases. As 75% of the cost of an approved County Scheme would be repaid by the Board the balance to be paid out of the local rates should be comparatively small.

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

"That the Local Government Board be informed that the decision of the Wexford County Council declining to formulate any Scheme for the treatment of venereal disease was arrived at without regard to the Class of patients proposed to be treated under such Scheme. The Co. Council, in view of the fact that venereal disease is almost unknown in our Rural Districts, object to the creation of a new department involving expense on the rates."

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Fruit Stones.

Under date 20th July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote an urgent memorandum as to the collection of all fruit stones including date stones and hard nut shells which were immediately required for an urgent War purpose.

"No Order"

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of

their Auditors in respect of the following public bodies:-

Gorey Union and Rural District Council, New Ross Union and Rural District Council, County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

"No Order"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were submitted from Patrick Healy, North Main Street, Wexford, Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns,

Applications for renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were submitted from Luke Dwyer, North Street, New Ross, P. McMenamin Co-operative Stores, Ballycanew, John Purcell, Broadway, Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, Laurence Codd, Main Street, Enniscorthy, George Stafford, John Street, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman, Licences and renewals were granted in the above cases."

Rates on Bantry Commons.

Under date 2nd July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 30451 : 1918, Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, and previous correspondence relative to arrears or rates on Bantry Commons in the County Wexford for the period ended the 31st March 1917, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have reconsidered this matter in view of the explanation furnished by the collector, dated the 21st May last.

Though still dissatisfied with the manner in which he professed to discharge his duties in connection with the collection of the rates in question, the Local Government Board, in view of the appeals made by the Rural and County Councils and as a special concession, will not raise any further objection to a refund being made to the collector of a sum of £29. 10. 4d, being the arrears in respect of the half-years September 1913 to March 1915 inclusive, which he states he was unable to collect owing to imperfections in the method of rating the occupiers, but the Board decline to entertain

his claim in respect of the half-years following and down to March 1917.

The Board desire me to add that this action is not to be regarded as forming in anyway a precedent and the Council and the Collector must treat the Board's decision as final and conclusive."

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

"That copy of letter of Local Government Board be furnished Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Assistant Surveyor Kirby.

Under date 3rd July 1918, Mr James Kirby, Assistant Co Surveyor, wrote asking from what date his salary was to be paid. He stated he was elected to the position of Assistant Surveyor on 3rd April 1918, and was sanctioned by the Local Government Board on 8th May 1918. He took up duty on 17th May 1918, and though not employed on the work of the Wexford County Council until the last named date he was in honour bound to them from 3rd April and consequently debarred from taking up any other employment.

Under date 5th July 1918, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote, that in his opinion, Mr Kirby was only entitled to his salary from the date of the sanction of his appointment by the Local Government Board, viz:- 8th May, and not from date of his election, especially as pending the sanction he was not even temporarily employed by the County Council.

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

"That the salary of Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, be paid from the date he took up duty, viz:- 17th May."

Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Cattle) Order of 1918.

The above Order under date 11th July 1918, from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, withdrawing prohibition for exportation of milch cows (other than an incalf cow) was read.

"No Order"

Worrying of Sheep by Dogs.

Under date 4th July 1918, the department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter V. B. -1703-18) stating that strong representations had reached the Department as to losses inflicted on stock owners by dogs worrying sheep and lambs. At the meeting of the Council of Agriculture on 18th May 1918, a resolution was adopted calling upon local authorities to put into operation the powers granted them by the Dogs Act 1906. The powers in question gave power to local authorities to have dogs wear collars with name and address of owner inscribed thereon, or on a plate or badge attached thereto, also to prevent dogs straying during all or any of the hours between sunset and sunrise. The Department considered that the adoption of such regulations would considerably abate the evils of sheep worrying and they would be happy to facilitate the Local Authority in bringing these powers into operation.

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

"That no Order be made on the letter from the Department as to collars being placed on dogs, as we consider same unnecessary, in view of the fact that no complaints have been received as to worrying of sheep."

Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date 20th June 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (No. V.B, 1738-18) approving of the appointments of Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, and Mr George Brett, Tahnerhill, as temporary Inspectors of sheep dipping in the current year.

Sheep Dipping Act.

Under date 20th June 1918, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction-Veterinary Branch- wrote, that there was no truth in the rumour that the Department have abandoned the requirements as to the double dipping of sheep in Autumn period, the provisions of the Order remain in force unaltered.

Foot Rot in Sheep.

Under date 1st August 1918, letter No. V. B., 1658-18, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

regarding the necessity for the adoption of measures to prevent sheep suffering from foot rot and especially breeding sheep being exposed for sale at markets, fairs, or sale yards, throughout Ireland.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan, it was decided that the circular from the Department No. 1658-18, V. B., be referred to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Wexford Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to formulate a proposal to the Proposal Committee Meeting of 7th August 1918, to cover repairs to bascule of Wexford Bridge amount £300."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Ballingly & Ballyconnick Quarries:- "That Mr E. O'Connor, Waddingtown, be offered 4/6 per cubic yard for the working of Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries."

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Kiltealy Quarry:- "That the question of the Civil Bill proceedings by Thomas McCarthy, Kiltealy v. Martin Morrissey and Wexford County Council, and proposed payment of decree re same be specially referred to next meeting of the County Council."

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 7th inst., a Report was submitted from the County Surveyor and a statement made by Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and the following recommendation adopted:-

"That no further steps be taken in the matter of Kiltealy Quarry."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Screenings from Quarries:- "That until the adoption of an amending resolution by the County Council no screenings be sold in future from any County Council Quarry."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Offer from Labourers:- "It was decided that the offer of Oylegate labourers be left in the hands of the County Surveyor as to

employing what labour from the district he can efficiently employ."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

A. Nolan, Rock Drill Operator:- "That the wages of A. Nolan, Rock drill Operator, be fixed at 35/- per week, as from this date, (3rd July 1918) provided this proposal receives the sanction of next meeting of the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Ballybrennan Quarry:- "The Finance & Roads Committee having gone very carefully into the conditions of working at Ballybrennan Quarry find that if the men spend a reasonable time in the quarry they can earn good wages at the piece rate of 1/9 per cubic yard."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Steamrolling Gang-Application Increase Wages:- "That the application for an increase of wages be adjourned to next meeting to which we instruct the County Surveyor to submit estimate of (a) cost of steamrolling road from Ferns to Crory, (b) cost of material which was already at road prior to steamrolling, (c) exact time paid for on hire of engine, (d) comparison of cost with other work of steamrolling carried out by the County Council."

"A letter was read from Mr Bolger, Chairman of the County Council under date 6th August, explaining that he could not attend meeting and asking that the application for increase of wages from Steamrolling gang be postponed to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, when he expected to be present."

"It was decided that the matter be postponed for the attendance of the Chairman (Mr Bolger)."

Application for Payment-University Scholarship:- "That Mr Connolly be informed that the County Council have no legal power to pay amount of University Scholarship in any case in which actual attendance at the University was not made."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Courtown Aeridheacht:- "That Miss Comerford be informed the Co. Council will raise no objection to Gaelic League Committee collecting

money on the bridges over the Ounavarra river at Courtown on the 14th July 1918, on behalf of local Aeridheacht."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Swim Baths-Sheep Dipping:- "That we approve of the use of swim baths under Sheep Dipping Order, at the premises of J. O'Gorman, Camross, Foulksmills, and Nicholas Breen, Carrig-on-Bannow, prices to be:-2d per head for Sheep and 1¹/₂d for lambs, for Summer dipping, and 2¹/₂d per head for sheep, and 2d per head for lambs for Autumn dipping."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

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

"We consider that the following should be fixed prices for Autumn dipping to be charged by those who have Swim baths approved by the Council, viz:- 2¹/₂d per head for sheep, and 2d per head for lambs."

Roads Nos 146R & 147R.

The following Report was read from New Ross R. D. Council:-

"The following appointed by New Ross Rural District Council to inspect Road No. 146R (460 perches from Adamstown to Foulksmills between the turn at Cullenstown Catholic Church and the turn in Horetown, via Rockview)-Messrs W. Thorpe, P. Quigley, M. Murphy, D. Cummins, and Martin Culleton, met at 3 p.m., on 14th June 1918, and inspected the road with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

The Committee desire to report as follows:- They find the road in an impassable condition, it could not possible be used even for light traffic. Up to twelve months ago, it was one of the best thoroughfares of its class in the County, but, about that time, Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, began to utilise it for timber traffic the haulage being effected by steam engine. As the road was never constructed to withstand traffic of this description, it soon cut up badly, and after about four months, was in an appalling condition. The contract, which was for £12 per annum, (36 cubic yards-Carrigbyrne), expired in March last, but it is evident to the Committee that, under the new conditions of traffic, the road could not have

been kept in repair by even ten times the specified amount of tonnage.

We consider that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, should prepare and furnish to the New Ross Rural District Council an estimate (a) giving cost of putting the road in a passable condition, (b) giving amount of cost of restoring road to its original condition previous to timber traffic, that copies of said estimate be forwarded to Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, (which firm according to the information obtained by the Committee, are entirely responsible for the damage to this road), and that Messrs Kelly & Co., be requested to put the road in repair forthwith. Should they refuse, or neglect to do so, we recommend the District Council to take any legal remedy which they may have to compel Messrs Kelly & Co., to carry out the repairs specified by the County Surveyor, and, in the event of legal action becoming necessary, we believe the District Council should ask the County Council to move in the matter on behalf of the District Council.

The Committee are of opinion that the attention of the Rural District Council should have been called to the state of this road long before it had reached a condition of being useless to the public.

We further recommend that a detailed report of the condition of the roads of this district injured by timber traffic, the names of the firms responsible for the damage, and the cost of restoring the roads to their original condition should be furnished by the County Surveyor to the New Ross Rural District Council."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have Roads 146R and 147R put into proper repair without delay, and that he be directed to have proceedings taken against Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, Timber Merchants, for the recovery of cost of same."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

"The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 22nd July 1918, from Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"Your letter of 17th inst., addressed to Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, has been handed to me for reply. I am instructed to say that liability is not admitted, and any proceedings you desire

to take can be sent to me for acceptance of service."

County Wexford War Pensions Etc., Local Committee.

The following letter under date 5th August 1918, from Mr John Merriman, Secretary, War Pensions Committee, was read:-

"I beg to bring under your notice the names of the eight members of the County Council, who have resigned their seats, my Committee request that you will be good enough to have your Council nominate members in their stead, the names are:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, M.C.C., James Codd, M. C. C., A. Kinsella, M. C. C., P. O'Neill, M.C.C., J. A. Doyle M. C. C., Joe Brewer, Sir Thomas Esmonde, J. Murphy D. C.,

Mr Brewer has recommended that Mr James Connolly, 5 Mary Street, New Ross, be appointed in his stead."

"Referred, on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kahoe, to the Finance & Roads Committee, who were authorised to make the necessary appointments."

Clonhasten Quarry.

Under date 5th July 1918, the following letter was read from Mr P. J. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"Mr George Walsh, owner of the quarry at Clonhasten, Enniscorthy, has drawn my Council's attention to the fact that the paling enclosing Quarry is broken down and loose, and I am also directed to call your attention to the fact that the roadway has not received any attention for 2½ years.

It is now 2½ years since my Council drew any stones from this Quarry, and the material which we are now getting we only started drawing on the 10th ultimo.

My Council consider that it is the business of the County Council to put this paling and roadway in proper condition."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Asple, it was decided that no order be made as the County Surveyor stated that the work referred to in the letter of Mr Shaw, had already been carried out."

Weights & Measures Etc.,

Under date 27th June 1918, the following was read from the

County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford:-

"In or about October 1914, your Council very kindly consented to the purchase of nine handbags for the use of Food & Drugs Inspectors in the taking of samples. None was then demanded for the Food & Drugs Inspector in New Ross because he had then in his possession a handbag left there by some of his predecessors and not regarded as public property. This bag is now not available, and in the circumstances I shall thank you for permission to purchase a new bag at an expense not exceeding £1. 4/-"

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

"That the County Inspector, R. I. C., be informed that he may purchase new bag for the purpose of holding samples under the Food & Drugs Act in New Ross District, at a cost not exceeding £1. 4/-"

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Cowman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted from the proposal Committee and recommended for payment by the Finance and Roads Committee be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr O'Byrne,

"That the several Proposals for Works submitted from the Proposal Committee be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

RESOLUTIONS.

Pottery Industry.

The following resolution adopted by New Ross R. D. Council on 6th July, was submitted:-

"Considering that Ireland- especially the South-eastern part of it- is so abundantly supplied by nature with clay deposits used in the manufacture of earthenware of every kind, we the New Ross Rural District Council are convinced that an earnest and united

effort should be made to resume this highly essential industry so native to the soil of Ireland.

Now that Coal-the key to all industrial effort is being once mined in our midst, and that Cross-Channel pottery supplies are running so low as to necessitate a rationing system in the near future we consider that a golden opportunity presents itself to exploit just a little of our own mineral wealth. To this end we would recommend the instant formation of Industrial and Research Societies throughout Wexford and Kilkenny having for their purpose the industrial awakening of our people-stilled by legislation in this country in the past.

We also desire to thank Johnson Pasha our County Wexford pottery expert for his invaluable experimental spadework in this direction already."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Cooper's Sheep Dip.

A resolution was received from Westmeath County Council stating that as Sir Richard Cooper, M. P., the proprietor of Cooper's Sheep Dip, had stated if the Irish people resisted Military Conscription they should be shot. No County Council in Ireland should use this dip.

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

"That in view of the statement made by Sir Richard Cooper to shoot the Irish people should they resist conscription, we recommend the farmers of the County Wexford to use some suitable sheep dip other than Cooper's."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Analyst's Report.

The following Report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin.

16th July 1918.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1918.

137 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C.,

as follows:-

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number,</u>
Milk	36
Margarine	17
Whiskey	13
Buttermilk	5
Drugs	5
Bread	5
Cocoa	5
Lard	5
Stout	6
Butter	4
Mustard	3
Pepper	3
Cornflour	3
Brandy	2
Rice	3
Tea	2
Port Wine	2
Ale	3
Oatmeal	2
Golden Syrup	1
Porter	3
Cheese	1
Corned Beef	1
Cream of tartar	1
Rum	1
Coffee	1
Bread Soda	1
Gin	1
Ginger Wine	1
Flour	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>137</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 per cent of its fats and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk

adulterated with at least 35 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and two certificates for specimens of Bass's Ale whose original gravity were 1031.7 and 1037.1 respectively.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of butter composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter and one certificate for specimen of coffee adulterated with at least 70 per cent of chicory.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

Specimens of beet were examined for T. Newenham Esq, The Sloblands Wexford.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drugs were analysed, Three were incorrect.

Total analyses.....	159
Adulterated & defective articles.....	11

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Rules for Quarries.

The Co'Surveyor reported as follows to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Recently I have had an interview with a representative of the Inspector of Mines in regard to the working of our Quarries, and subsequently I have received from the Home Office a set of special rules which you are asked to adopt. There is nothing in any of these rules that can be objected to, and they are practically the regulations we have been following. I recommend their adoption."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation

"That the special rules under the Quarries Act 1894, as furnished by the Home Office to the County Surveyor be and are hereby adopted as regards all quarries owned by the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Tara Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported as follows to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Recently owing to the difficulty about explosives I have had to send the Rock Drill to Tara Hill Quarry and have had a large blast there. The workmen employed objected to the terms on which they worked after the former blast and demand 2/- per ton instead of 1/6 under threat to strike. I have arranged for this week to pay at the rate of 2/- pending your decision to continue this rate or otherwise, and ask for your instructions."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation--

"That 2/- per ton be paid to the men engaged at Tara Hill Quarry for the coming six months, provided that they agree to accept fortnightly payments."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Conveyance of Gelignite.

The County Surveyor read a communication from the County Inspector, R. I. C., pointing out that the letter did not consider the escort of two police travelling by train from Arklow to Wexford for the protection of gelignite, was sufficient owing to the circumstances in which their duty were carried out, because the gelignite and detonators had to be placed in separate wagons and as the train shunted at all stations the escort had to leave the Guard's Van and watch the wagons being shunted up and down the line.

In the circumstances he suggested that gelignite should in future be conveyed by Motor Car or Motor Lorry."

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

"That the County Surveyor interview the County Inspector, R. I. C., and explain to him that only one more consignment of gelignite will be required for County work for the present season, and, in the circumstances, the County Inspector would probably allow the present arrangement to obtain for this season's supply."

Food & Drugs Act-Sample of Vinegar.

Under date 6th August 1918, Sergeant White, R. I. C., Wexford,

wrote asking for instructions with regard to instituting a prosecution under the Food & Drugs Act against Mrs Shortle, Castlebridge, from whom he had obtained a sample of vinegar found deficient in acetic acid. The bottle from which the sample was taken was sealed, capsuled, etc., intact, when he obtained said sample. In the circumstances he did not think that any useful purpose would be served by a prosecution. He also mentioned that a similar case was dismissed about a year ago.

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

"That in view of the report of Sergeant White R. I. C., Wexford, under date 6th August 1918, we consider that no prosecution should be instituted against Mrs Shortle, Castlebridge, in regard of sample of vinegar taken by Sergeant White."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Garrylough Quarry.

Rev J. Furlong, C. C., Screen, wrote asking for permission to draw a quantity of stones from the County Council Quarry at Garrylough Screen. He stated that when the Co Council took over Kerlogue Quarry he was entitled to a quantity of stones at that quarry which he had never taken away.

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

"That, subject to the County Surveyor's supervision, and in view of his undertaking to satisfy any demand made by the owner of the quarry at Garrylough, no objection be made to the application of Rev J. Furlong C. C., Screen, to obtain a sufficient quantity of stones from Garrylough Quarry, for the purpose of building an entrance to the parochial house at Screen."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Account from Goodwin Barsby & Co.,-for Stonebreaker.

The Co Surveyor stated that there was a sum of £105 odd, due on foot of cost of Stonebreaker purchased from Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., Leicester. They had also furnished a bill for £35 odd for services of their fitter.

When the machine was set up it was found defective and in consequence a good deal of time had been lost by the Council's Employees for which the Co Council had made a counter claim to Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., of over £100.

He wished to have the advice of the Council in regard to the matter.

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

"That the claim of Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., and counter claim of the County Council, be left in the hands of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and that he be directed to communicate with this Firm."

Application Increased Capitation Grant - Industrial Schools,

Under date 17th July Rev Brother P. J. Ryan, Artane Industrial School, wrote on behalf of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, asking the Co Council to agree to grant an increase of 1/- per head to these schools, as the Treasury would not grant such increase unless the Co. Councils gave their moiety. Every Council and Borough Council in Ireland had agreed to this contribution except Limerick, Leitrim, and Wexford.

"In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated, that the increase of 6d per head would mean a payment of £341. 16/- from the rates. the number of Children in those schools from Co Wexford was 263."

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to adjourn the application to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Accountant's Application-Increase of Salary.

Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, applied for an increase in his salary of £115 per annum.

The following recommendation which had been unanimously passed by the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That the salary of Mr T. A. Frizelle, be increased by £35 per annum, as from date of present meeting."

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 8th day of October

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