

Quarterly Meeting - 7th February 1905.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on February 7th 1905.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, Vice Chairman presiding.
Other Members :- Lord Stopford, Messrs M. Browne, C. A. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. Donohoe, D. Dempsey, M. Murphy, James Sinnott, M. Hickey, M. J. Furlong, John Cummins, James Ahearne, J. F. Walsh, and J. Bolger.

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

The Minutes of previous Quarterly Meeting, and of special meetings held in November, and January were read and confirmed.

Estimate of Rate.

The Estimate of Rate for the General and Separate Charges for financial year ended 31st March 1906 was laid before the meeting, with the following resolutions of the Finance Committee of 27th January:-

"We recommend the County Council to adopt the following Rates for General charges for the Rural Districts of the County :-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments</u>
Enniscorthy	2/-	3/9
Gorey	2/-	3/5
New Ross	2/4	4/2
Wexford	1/11	3/6.

"That we recommend for adoption to the Co. Council the Estimate of Rate for separate charges as presented, by our Secretary."

She was also ^{read} a letter No. 25554-1905. (Wexford County) from the Local Government Board, under date

18th January 1905 assenting to the annual estimate being considered by the County Council at the present meeting."

Also the following letter from the Local Government Board :-

No. 2,606 : 1905

Wexford County

21st January 1905

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant on the subject of the preparation of the estimate for the coming financial year in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, while the County books for the current half-year must be written up in the existing form, it will be necessary that the balances, which will appear at the close of the half year in favour of, or against each Rural District, should be apportioned between County, Union, and District charges, in proportion to the amount of Rates received for those purposes since the coming into operation of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

The County Estimate should be prepared on this basis, as the accounts for the next half-year will commence with the balances so adjusted.

I am to add that you should, however, in preparing the estimate pay particular attention to the note at foot of Form 45 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, which refers to the figures to appear in columns 14 and 17 of that Form."

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

"That the following recommendation of the Finance Committee of the 27th January be adopted:—
That the Rates for General charges for the financial year 1905-6 for the four Rural Districts be as

follows:-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments</u>
Enniscorthy	2/-	3/9
Gorey	2/1	3/5
New Ross	2/4	4/2
Wexford	1/11	3/6.

and that the following amounts be demanded from the Urban Councils of the County:- For County Charges.

Enniscorthy Urban	£ 491
New Ross "	504
Wexford "	1066
	<u>£ 2061</u>

and for Union Charges:-

Enniscorthy Urban	£ 484
New Ross "	729
Wexford "	998
	<u>£ 2211</u>

and that acting on the recommendation of the Finance Committee the County Council, agree to the Estimate for separate charges for the financial year 1905-6 as presented and published by the Secretary."

Report of Co. Council Auditor

The following report of W. J. L. King, Local Government Auditor was read:-

"I have the honour to report, that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council, for the half-year ended 31st March 1904, and I enclose the abstracts duly certified.

Notwithstanding the improvement mentioned in my last report in the preparation of the Road Forms, at the District Council Offices, these forms cannot yet be said to be perfect.

The chargiability, dates of expiry, and other important particulars were omitted in some cases, and in one of the New Ross forms, 12-14, the entire entries respecting eleven successive contracts were left out and

had to be inserted in the County Office.

On the other hand the excellent order in which I found the Tenders, Bonds, and Specifications greatly facilitated the checking of the new contracts.

The practice of entering proposals for payment in the Co. Surveyor's hands in form 12-14. resulted in an overpayment of £17. The amount was, however, refunded and lodged within the half-year, and the practice has been discontinued.

Finding the certificates at the foot of Forms 12-14. slightly modified I have requested the County Surveyor to adhere to the prescribed form in future.

The clerks of the School attendance committees might be requested to furnish their accounts in a more business like way. In the case of New Ross Committee, I was unable to verify the receipts and expenditure from the vouchers submitted in support of them and further information obtained by letter from the clerk did not wholly clear up the matter.

The collection of Rate for the half year was closed in a satisfactory manner.

During the half-year as the result of proceedings under the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, a sum of £845, was recovered in respect of damage to roads consequent on the construction of the Railway from Waterford to Rosslare.

This sum was handed by the County Solicitor, in pursuance of a resolution of the County Council, and in accordance with the provisions of section 58 of the above mentioned Act, to the County Surveyor, and by him lodged to a special Bank account.

I have examined and certified an abstract submitted by him showing that, at the end of the half-year under audit, sums amounting to £230: 14: 2, had been expended on the damaged roads, and, that a credit balance of £614: 5: 10 remained in hands." - Marked "Read"

The State of a Road.

Dr. E. A. Gibbon, J. P. Sludagh, Wexford wrote under date 9th January:-

"On behalf of myself and other Ratepayers, who use the road from Sludagh to Mr. Woody's cross, at Rathaspeck. I beg to bring to the notice of the County Council, the state it is in. I firmly believe, bad as the roads in the County in general are, this has been one of the very worst for the past four winters, and I must say, I don't think we have been fairly treated with respect to it. Some months ago the Railway Contractors had to pay a considerable sum of money for the repair of roads injured by their heavy traffic, and a certain sum was allowed for this road, certified by the County Surveyor as sufficient to put it into good repair again. I would much like to know if this money has been expended on it; results show little if any improvement; if it has been done, in which case I think Mr. Webster must have made a big mistake in not getting a sufficient sum from the Contractors to do so; and if it has not been expended, the sooner it is done the better, and by competent workmen.

The present Contractors appear not to care to work on it. I use the road frequently and there seems to me to be very little doing on it, to judge by the small number of men one sees working, and those seem not to know how to mend it properly. A short time ago I was driving home, and saw a man working. He was dumping down stones into the hollows full of mud, and not making any attempt to scrape it off. I believe it is useless to do so, more especially in this case as the stones are soft and already mixed with earth. I asked him if that was the proper way to mend roads; and he told me he was instructed to do so; and had always done it.

The waterables are also neglected, and the

centre of the road become so hollow, that it is hopeless to expect good results: unless so stringent means are taken to make the contractors do their work in a more efficient way than it has been done up to the present. I hope your Council will see their way to help us in this matter. It is hard to be paying rates, and to have to use the roads in the state this one is in; not only being unpleasant to drive on, but dangerous to any wheeled traffic. I know of one motor car having a spring broken on this road lately, and the owner is afraid to drive on it since."

Mr. Browne said that hundreds of loads of stones had been put out on the road since the date of the letter of Mr. Gibbon.

Mr. Kehoe, said he had, 12 months ago called attention to the grass plot, at the cross, as being dangerous, and the County Surveyor said he would have the matter remedied, but nothing had been done since.

Mr. Webster said the road contractor had put out his fully quantity of stones. Between 400 and 500 cubic yards of stones had been put out on it. He took the road out of the present contractor's hands, and gave it to one of the Sweets.

He was over it on Saturday and the portion between Muirintown and Rathaspeck was improved but the portion between Muirintown and Sludagh was bad. He expected that when the money he had in hands had been all expended, the road would be in a good condition. 550 tons of stones had been put out, and only 150 tons of this was covered by the contract."

Mr. Ahearn drew attention to the state of the roads in the locality of St. Leonards, Tintern, Tallowtown. They were in an impassible state. The Clergymen and the largest ratepayers were complaining of

state of the roads."

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

"That the letter of Mr. Gibbon be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that Mr. Gibbon be informed that since the date of his letter, large quantities of stones had been spread on the road, and that Mr. Webster has still in his hands some money which he can use for the repair of the roads"

Mr. Webster with reference to the roads referred to by Mr. Ahern, said they had been cut up by the Railway traffic. He had done the very best he could to expend the money recovered from the Railway Co. judiciously, and succeeded in a good many roads. During the coming summer he expected the roads referred to by Mr. Ahern would be put in fair order."

Corrig Burial Ground

Under date 11th January '05 a sealed Order was received from the Local Government Board, closing Corrig Burial Ground to future interments from the 1st March 1905. A list of persons entitled to burial in this graveyard was furnished as portion of the Order.

Piers.

Under date 30th December 1904 the Board of Works wrote (letter No. 18672) stating that it had been reported to them that at Fithard Harbour (north side) some masonry was breaking away, and a mooring post had disappeared."

The Board would be glad to hear that the necessary repairs would be carried out as early as the state of the weather will permit.

"Referred to County Surveyor"

Under date 20th January '05 the Department of Agriculture

etc. wrote that they had forwarded an order for £107: 5/- to the Treasurer of the County Council, being half the amount expended on the improvement of Slade Pier.

Roads Committee

Mr. Kehoe, Clerk of Wexford Rural District Council, wrote under date 5th January, that his Council approved of the suggestion of the Co. Council to establish a permanent Roads Committee, but deferred appointing two representatives to a larger meeting.

Mr. Brighton, Clerk Gorey R. D. Council wrote that his Council had declined to take action on the resolution of the County Council, asking that two representatives of the District Council should be appointed on the permanent Roads Committee."

The following communication was also read :-

Ballingarry Gorey.

30. 1. '05

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Road Contractors of the Gorey Rural District, to forward to you the following resolutions adopted at their meeting in Gorey on Saturday 24th Inst.,

Resolved :- 1. That we the Road Contractors within the Gorey Rural District, do hereby protest against the action of the County Council, in forming a Committee to inspect the roads apart from the County Surveyor, and his Assistant.

2.- That we consider such a course would be most unjust and unfair to us as we would be placed in the awkward position of having to please twelve Councillors many of whom we fear know very little of road maintenance.

3.- That we remind the Co. Council of the fact that, while such a Committee might be useful enough to find fault, still no matter how well

a contractor kept a road; in their (the committee's) opinion, such a committee would be powerless to pay for the work done without the sanction of the Surveyor.

4.- That judging by past experience we greatly fear that some of the County Councillors would not be the men to give an impartial opinion on such matters.

Patrick O'Neill

Secy to Contractors' Meeting
Marked "Read"

The following was also read:-

Carnolin, Co. Wexford

2. 2. '05

"At a meeting of the Carnolin Agricultural Association, held in Carnolin; - February 1st 1905. the following resolution (Mr. Murphy P. P. occupying the chair) was proposed by Mr. James O'Neill, seconded by Mr. W. Howell and passed unanimously:-

"That some of the roads between Carnolin and Craanford are in a wretched state.

That we call upon our Co. Councillors, District Councillors, and Surveyors, to see that on the expiration of the present contract, they be put into a proper condition."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe seconded by the Chairman, the letter was referred to the Co. Surveyor."

The clerk of the Rural District Council, Enniscorthy wrote that his Council had decided to postpone the appointment of the Representatives on the Roads Committee, until after the Elections in June.

"On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "In view of the letters from the District Councils, and owing to the approach of the Elections, we decide to postpone the

appointment of a permanent Roads Committee."

Woodville Road

Mr. Webster in reply to Mr. Murphy said Mr. Lett Woodville, had cut two feet off the road at Woodville and cut down a paling there etc.,

Mr. Elger said that notice had been served on Mr. Lett, to put the road back in the condition in which it was before she interfered with it.

Dates of Meetings

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Cummins the following dates of meetings were agreed to :-

Half yearly meetings for the half year ended 30th March 1905 :-

New Ross R. D. Saturday 8th April 12 Noon

Gorey " " Tuesday 11th April 11.30 am.

Enniscorthy " " Thursday 13th April 11 am.

Wexford " " Saturday 15th April 10.30 am.

Proposal Committee Meeting - Friday - 14th April 2. o'clock.

County Council Meeting - Friday 5th May at 11 o'clock am.

District Asylum

Under date 8th December 1904, to Local Government Board wrote (No 68,603) that they had recommended to Board of Works to issue £2,000 the third instalment of the loan for £6,500 sanctioned for the lighting of the District Asylum with electricity.

Auditor to Council accounts

Under date 18th January 1905. to Local Government Board (letter No 11. M. - 1905) that until further notice the accounts of the Council would be audited by Mr. G. D. Barry. B. L. Local Government Auditor.

Irrecoverable Rates.

Under date 26th January 1905. (letter No 5,007/1905.) the Local Government Board, wrote approving of payment of Irrecoverable Rates list of collector John Sinnott, for the half-year ended 30th Sept 1904.

Changes in Road Contracts.

In connection with a resolution passed by the Council on 29th November 1904, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 69,904-1904) with reference to the contract of James Doran, Gobbinstown, for the maintenance of 650 perches of road. The Local Government Board considered that if the contractor undertook to maintain 562 perches at 1/8 per perch, whereas he had in fact maintained 652 perches to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, they considered there was equitable grounds for making the additional payment.

The Board did not see any objection to the amendment of the contract, with the consent of the contractor."

In connection with Road No. 64 (Ennisconthy Rural District) the County Council had called the attention of the Local Government Board, to the fact that the contractor, John Murphy, had stated in his tender that the annual payment was £21: 7: 6, whereas it should have been £24: 13: 6.

The opinion of Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council which had been taken, was in favour of the contractor being paid at the proper amount.

Two letters were received from the Local Government Board on the subject. The first under date 14th December (No 71,251/1904) asked for particulars of the contract; the second, under date 4th January 1905. (No. 73,121-1904) stated, that in the circumstances, the Local Government Board considered the contractor might be paid the correct amount; viz: £24: 13: 6.

The Local Government Board stated in this letter "that in future it would be well that only the annual amount of the contract were inserted and not the rate per perch."

Local Government Elections 1905.

Under date 12th January 1905, circular letter No. 220-M.O. (Miscellaneous) from the Local Government Board, dealing with the appointment of Returning Officer, and Day of Election for forthcoming Local Government Elections, Polling Districts, Hours of Polling, Preliminary arrangements, Selection of Deputies, Qualification of candidates, Maps, Etc., was read.

The Finance Committee made the following recommendation :-

"That we recommend Mr. N. J. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary to the County Council, for appointment as Returning Officer for County Council and District Council Elections at a fee of £50, which is not to cover any travelling or out of pocket expenses - locomotion expenses 2nd class rail return; car hire, when necessary; items of car hire for 5/- and over to be produced; 2^d per mile per bicycle."

Lord Stopford proposed :- "That we recommend the County Council and District Council Elections be held on Monday, ^{May} 29th and the annual Meeting of the County Council be held on June 10th. That the polling in Rural Districts take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Lord Stopford, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted."

Courtown Harbour.

The following report of Courtown Harbour Committee was read :-

"At the Half-yearly Meeting of the Council, on the 3rd November 1904. Messrs C. A. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, and A. Kinsella, were appointed a committee to examine the statement of liabilities furnished by Messrs Stopford & Turner, in account with the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, and the trading account of the Commissioners.

Messrs M. A. Ennis, and A. Kinsella, attended at Courtown on 5th January 1905; Mr. Frizell, Assistant Secretary to Council, and Mr. P. Donohoe, of the Co. Council Offices, were also present.

Hon. G. F. W. Stopford attended

The accounts of liabilities due Messrs Stopford & Turner from November 1896 to May 1904, were examined and checked with vouchers. A sum of £188: 6: 8, was found to be due Messrs Stopford and Turner.

The Harbour Master's accounts were examined from the date of last audit - 3rd December 1903 - to 31st December 1904; and showed a credit balance at that date of £44: 11: 1.

Since the termination of the year and prior to the visit of the committee, the Harbour Master had received a sum of £1: 10: 0. The Harbour Master produced cash for £46: 1: 1, which cleared up his account.

In the opinion of the committee a new set of books will be required for the Harbour Master, and some changes made in the system.

The Harbour Master has no bond.

He pointed out to the committee, that repairs to boats which are now the property of the Council, were urgently needed, one requiring a new keel. He estimated the cost not to exceed £10.

The Harbour Master also stated that he requires 24 oar poles, and at least 200 more coal bags, but these matters can be dealt with at February Meeting of the Council.

The Harbour Master's house and large store adjoining

are not included in the property transferred to the Council. The store can scarcely be dispensed with. Hon. Geo. Stopford said, Lord Courtown would let both to the Council at a yearly rent of £8.

Hon. George Stopford, said the Lord Courtown would be willing to exchange the Harbour office and attached garden for a small piece of land above the road bridge, a sufficient space being reserved at the latter on behalf of the Council to allow of the bridge being repaired when required.

The small piece of square which belongs to Lord Courtown will be let at 1/- a year conditional on the Council agreeing not to erect any buildings thereon.

The Committee recommend the suggestions of Hon. George Stopford, to the favourable consideration of the Council.

(Signed) M. A. Ennis
A. Kinsella
N. J. Trizelle

The following recommendations had been made on this Report, by the Proposal Committee:-

"That the report of Courtown Harbour Committee, be received, and that we recommend the County Council to effect the change of premises as suggested in the report, and rent Harbour Master's house, and store from Lord Courtown at £8. per year."

"That the question of boundaries of Courtown Harbour be arranged by the County Surveyor, and Hon. G. F. W. Stopford, on behalf of Lord Courtown, that the County Surveyor report to the Council the result of the arrangement and prepare for future reference a proper map showing the boundaries when these have been agreed to."

"That Lord Stopford be asked to suggest at next Co. Council Meeting, the names of a local Committee of Management for Courtown Harbour."

"That the County Council be recommended at the February Meeting to pay over a sum of £20 to the Harbour Master, to enable him to meet current liabilities."

it is, that he be requested to furnish his accounts fortnightly to the Finance Committee, who will when they approve of his accounts, reinstate his balance; that all moneys received by the Harbour Master be lodged to the credit of the County Council on the last Saturday of each month, and that on receipt of the £20 proposed to be granted, the Harbour Master lodges to the credit of the Council the amount of £44: 11: 1, balance in hands to the end of December 1904, and, as a separate item any amounts which he may have received since, by the last Saturday of January."

Under date 30th January 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 4945-1905 Wexford County) that they were not aware of any further steps which the County Council should take before paying the liabilities of Messrs Stopford & Turner, but the Council should be prepared to satisfy the auditor that the items included in the sum of £188: 6: 8. are properly chargeable as lawful liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners.

Under date the 30th January 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5,027) that proper forms of accounts should be supplied to the Harbour Master, as well as printed Receipt Books with blocks and counterparts numbered consecutively.

The Board saw no objection to the resolution of the Proposal Committee as regards the financing of the Harbour trading account.

Under date 11th November (letter No. 16514-04) the Board of Works wrote expressing regret that their dredger would not be available until the end of March 1905, as it had to undergo some necessary repairs, and was required for dredging at Hawth Harbour.

Mr. Peacocke proposed: - "that the Board of Works be referred to their letter of the 11th November 1904 (No 16564/04) and that they be requested to send their No. 2 Dredger.

to dredge Courtown Harbour and Kilmore Pier as soon as possible.

Mr. Kehoe seconded. Passed.

By Laws.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted.

"That the question of By-laws for Courtown Harbour, and the power of the County Council to enforce dues be referred to Mr R. W. Elger."

Courtown Harbour Committee

Co. Councillor for Gorey Division - Mr. A. Kinsella

Two District Councillors for Ardamine Division - Mr. Richards, Ardamine, Gorey, and Mr. James Kavanagh Carrignew Killena.

Two District Councillors for Courtown Division - Lord Stopford, Marlfield Gorey, and Mr. E. Fanning Ballymoney Lth Gorey.

Chairman Gorey Town Commissioners - Mr. James Whittiers St. Michaels Place, Gorey.

Rev. J. O'Rourke, C. C. Riverchapel Gorey

Rev. J. W. Ashton, Ardamine Rectory Gorey

Major A. W. N. Richards, Ardamine, Gorey

Mr. N. W. Shuldham, Dunavarra Gorey

Three to form a quorum

The Harbour Master to act as Secretary

Rules.

1. The Committee shall meet once a month and at such times as it shall be summoned by the Secretary on the requisition of not less than two members.

2. The Committee to have power to authorise expenditure subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, by the Harbour Master of an amount not exceeding £10 in any month for the purpose of supplying and keeping in repair all materials required for loading or discharging vessels or boats, also all necessary ropes, warps, buoys etc., used for harbour purposes.

3- The Committee shall report to the County Council their opinion on any structural repairs necessary to any of the walls, piers, quays, and sluice gates, etc., and shall be prepared to undertake any duties referred to them by the County Council.

4- The Committee shall consist of not more than 12 Members and shall be appointed by the Co. Council, and shall hold office for three years.

5- All appointments of Officers connected with Courtown Harbour shall be made by the County Council.

Mr. Kehoe proposed the adoption of the report, Mr. Dempsey seconded, Passed.

Lord Stappford proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded and it was passed:-

"That the appointments of P. Stapleton, as Harbour Master and J. Byrne, as Night Watchman, be confirmed by the Co. Council at the same rate of wages, and to perform the same duties as formerly, as from August 15th 1904, and that the Harbour Master be required to enter into personal security, self and two sureties to the amount of £50."

Mr. Donohoe proposed and Mr. Dempsey, seconded the adoption of the recommendations of the Proposal Committee as above. Passed.

Mr. Kehoe proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded the following which was adopted:- "That the map of Courtown Harbour, as submitted by the County Surveyor be signed by the County Surveyor, on behalf of the County Council; and by Lord Courtown, and then kept in the offices of the County Surveyor. That the question of leases for exchange of premises between Lord Courtown be referred to Mr. Elger." Passed.

Under date 2nd February 1905, Mrs. Hard, Ivy House, Courtown Harbour, wrote that she had been informed by the Harbour Master at Courtown that 7 yards of her garden had been handed over to the County Council.

she had held this for the past 28 years from the Earl of Courtown, free of rent on condition, to be handed over to him if required for building ground. She wished to get the permission of the County Council to till it as usual.

Under date 2nd February the following letter was read from Michael Bolger, Courtown:-

"I got word from the Honble Mr. Stopford, to give up the key of the fish-house and to pull down the one I built alongside of it. You may remember the two small fish houses, I had at the back of the Harbour Master's; I hope you will be able to leave them with me. I was speaking to Mr. Kinsella in Gorey to-day. He told me to write to you. I would be much obliged if you would leave them with me."

Proposed by Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following was adopted:- "That the request in Mr. Kerd's letter be agreed to, she to hold on the same terms, as she held the premises from Lord Courtown."

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the letter of Mr. Bolger, with reference to the fish-house was referred to the newly appointed Courtown Harbour Committee."

Kilmore Pier.

In connection with the injury caused to Kilmore new breakwater by the storm of the 16th January, which had been discussed at the meeting of the Proposal Committee of the 20th January, the County Surveyor writing under date 24th January 1905 estimated that it would cost £120 to repair the breaches, and he desired that application should be made for the amount at the meeting of the Council on the 7th February.

Mr. Webster in reply to the Chairman, said the work, he proposed should be done in bag work would.

in his opinion - stand. It would have a better chance of standing than the bag work put at the back of the main pier.

Mr. Donohoe moved - "That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the new break-water build at Kilmore, which has partially fallen twice within nine months and now requires large expenditure again, and, under the circumstances the County Council request that an expert engineer be sent down to inspect the work before further expense is incurred."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

Mr. Browne moved:- "That Mr. Webster's application be acceded to, as it is absolutely necessary to repair these breaches." Mr. Walsh seconded.

The following was the voting:- For Mr. Browne's amendment: Messrs Walsh, Browne, Peacocke, Kehoe, and the Chairman.- 5.

Against:- Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, Dempsey, Murphy, Sinnott, Cummins, J. Bolger, Hickey, Ahern.- 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, (Mr. Hore had now to leave, and on the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the Chair was taken by Mr. Peacocke.)

Mr. Browne as a further amendment moved:- "That the question be postponed till next meeting of the County Council." Mr. Walsh, seconded.

For the amendment - Messrs Browne, Walsh, Kehoe, Murphy, and the Chairman - 5.

Against:- Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, Dempsey, Sinnott, Cummins, J. Bolger, Hickey, and Ahern.- 8.

Lord Stopford declined to vote.

The Chairman then put Mr. Donohoe's motion which he declared passed.

Mr. J. Bolger moved:- "That as many Members of the Council as possible meet the Local Government Board Engineer, at Kilmore, on the day of his inspection; and that the County Surveyor be requested to attend. That the Secretary inform

the councillors of the date of the visit of the Engineer of the Local Government Board."

Mr. Donohoe seconded the motion. Passed.

Tobergal Lane

The following letter (No. 1553 : 1905 Wexford County) under date 14th January 1905, from the Local Government Board, was laid before the meeting:-

"The Local Government Board, for Ireland, have had before them the entry contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 7th instant; "that this Council view with regret the refusal of the Local Government Board to investigate the serious matter referred to in the Council's resolution of the 8th November." and the Board desire to refer the Council to the terms of their letter of the 20th ultimo, from which they will observe that the Board did not refuse to hold this inquiry, but suggested the desirability of a postponement, until the time appointed for the completion of the contract at the close of the present month."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, that the letter of the Local Government Board be marked "Read." No one seconded and the matter dropped.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, it was decided that John Doyle, Contractor for Tobergal Lane be paid £30 for contract at Tobergal Lane, and which was held over from last meeting.

Gorey Rural District - S. A. Committee

Mr. Brighton, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council wrote under date, 31st January 1905, that his Council recommended that Mr. J. E. Poole D. C. Ballyowen Gorey be appointed a Member of the Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Lord Stopford resigned.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr.

Walsh - Mr. J. G. Poole was appointed, vice Lord Stopford."

Duncannon Pier.

The Secretary said that at the November meeting of the Council a statement was read from a meeting which was held at Duncannon pointing out the necessity which existed for the construction of a breakwater there.

The matter had been referred to the Piers and Harbours Committee - Messrs Ennis, Kinsella, Peacocke, Browne, and Lord Stopford, but no date for the meeting of the Committee to consider the matter had been agreed to.

It was decided that the inspection of the Pier be held on the 22nd February at one o'clock, and that the following attend - Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs French M.P., G. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. F. Walsh, A. Kinsella, J. Bolger, M. Browne, and Lord Stopford. Mr Webster County Surveyor also to attend."

Service of Summonses.

Under date the 4th January 1900, Mr. J. J. Rochford Secretary New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote furnishing the following extract from the report of Mr. Lawrence Casey, School Attendance Officer, in reference to the amounts charged for service of summonses, and which was referred to the County Council, with a request for advice thereon.

"I wish to bring under your notice information which I have received to the effect that in some Petty Sessions Courts, the amounts charged for the service of the summons is extra, and therefore illegal.

I am not quite sure, is such the fact but I make the statement on very good authority, and I consider it my duty to do so, as these prosecutions are very expensive. I may also add that the late C. P. S. in New Ross always charged me 1/- for an attendance order, I understand 6^d is the legal fee.

If you authorise me to pay only what I consider legal,

"I will do so in the future, and if I cannot get the work done, for that, I will notify you."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. Casey be informed that the fees are fixed by Act of Parliament. The list is hung up in the Courthouses and the fee paid the summon-server is fixed by the Magistrates."

Security of Rate Collectors.

Under date the 26th January 1905. the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co Solicitors

"We are acting for the following five rate-collectors - John Barden, Borse, Fethard, Francis Blake, Coddinstown and Andrew Lennon, Edenvale, John Mullett, Bree, and John Sinnott, Ballyland, Davidstown. All of these are bound in a bond of £900, except Mullett whose bond is £600. Heretofore they have been paying at the rate of 6/- in the £100 to Guarantee Societies for this bond, that is £2:14/- for the £900 and £1:16/- for the £600. Now the Guarantee Societies have increased their rates of charges from 6/- in the £100 to 15/- in the £100, so that the £900 would be chargeable with £6:15/- and the £600 with £4:10/- Our clients feel that this is a heavy burden upon them, and would be glad if the Council could see its way not to press for its continuance."

Each of the Gentlemen above mentioned is satisfied to give excellent private security in lieu of the bond, and they would be glad if the Council would accept this.

If on the other hand, the Council will still insist on the bond being taken out, they would ask that the Council defray the expenses of the bond or increase their poundage by 2^d in the £ so as to defray the extra expense.

Will you kindly lay this before your Council at the next Meeting, and if necessary, we shall attend when the matter is being considered."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr.

✓ Kehoe, the consideration of this matter was postponed."

Width of tyres of Wagons.

The Secretary of King's Co. Council wrote under date 5th December 1904, that the resolution of the Wexford Co. Council expressing the opinion that the section of 24 and 25 Vic cap 70. as regards the width of tyres of road wagons drawn by traction engines should be extended to Ireland, had been adopted by his Council.

Non-attendance of Mr. R. King, Co. Councillor.

The Secretary reported the Mr. Robert King, Co. Councillor had not attended a Meeting of the Council since 3rd November 1903, and he was therefore over twelve months absent. This was the first ordinary Meeting at which the matter could be reported.

Mr. Elgu said he received the following from Dr. Murphy:—"I certify that R. King Esq Askeavillar Kiltaly, has been ill for past ten months and unable to attend any Meeting of Co. Council. In my opinion he will be unable to attend in future."

D. P. Murphy M. C.
Kiltarn.

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:—"That we consider the certificate of Dr. Murphy a satisfactory explanation for the non-attendance of Mr. King Co. Councillor, and decline in the circumstances to declare the office vacant."

Motor Service

The following correspondence was read:-

Midland Railway
Accountants Office, Derby.
January 30th 1905.

Dear Mr. Ennis,

Your letter of the 27th only received this morning and there is therefore not sufficient time

to communicate with Mr. Pirrie in order to let you have an intimation of the position of the Enagh-Pirrie scheme up to date.

You are aware that the question of the condition of the roads has for some time been standing in the way of the inauguration of this scheme, and I am afraid that there is but little prospect of this impediment being removed in the near future.

As a condition precedent to the establishment of an experimental good motor service in any district we recommended that the county councils should be asked to give a certificate by the hands of their surveyors to the effect that the roads, in their then condition, were capable of standing the strain of motor carried traffic. The following Co. Councils have to my knowledge been asked to give this certificate and each of them has declined: Londonderry; - Antrim. - Galway.

I am sure you will admit that it is unreasonable to expect the promoters of this scheme to undertake the establishment of services in any district except with the assurance that the roads are in a condition - or will be put in a condition - to permit a service to be carried on without interruption and, until the county councils become alive to the advantages which this scheme is intended to confer upon the agricultural districts of Ireland, and of the risks which the promoters would run - apart altogether from the question of the condition of the roads - I am afraid the matter is not likely to advance.

I am sending your letter on to Mr. Pirrie and will communicate with you again, when I receive his reply.

yours faithfully
W. Bailey

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Arduagh, Wexford

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1905.

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., which if you have no objection I should like to read at the quarterly meeting of our County Council on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Inst.,. The position you adopt in this matter is perfectly fair and logical, but at the same time, I would call your attention to the fact that Wexford County does not appear so far to have been favoured with the opportunity accorded to the Counties of Londonderry, Antrim and Galway, to accept or reject conditions as to a certificate, and though I have no wish to forecast, what the decision of the Wexford County Council might be in the event of such an opportunity being afforded.

I am aware that the residents in the district which we traversed on the occasion of your visit here are keenly anxious that a goods motor service should be established and their views would no doubt receive careful and sympathetic consideration from both the District and County Councils.

Yours faithfully

M. A. Ennis

Midland Railway,  
Accountants' Office, Derby.  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1905.

Dear Mr. Ennis,

I have now heard from Mr. Pirrie, who confirms the contents of my previous letter, viz.: that nothing is likely to be done unless the Councils become alive to their responsibilities in regard to the roads.

Yours faithfully  
W. Bailey

Midland Railway  
Accountants' Office, Derby.  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 1905.

Dear Mr. Ennis,

Irish Transport Facilities

I have not the slightest objection to the suggestion you make in your letter just received:- that you should read my letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ulto., at the next meeting of the Wexford County Council. I entirely agree with you in the opinion that the residents in the district, in your county, through which we travelled under such agreeable auspices, are keenly anxious for the establishment of a well equipped, regular and efficient motor goods service. This anxiety was displayed in all the districts we inspected during our investigations in the year 1903, and I am extremely sorry that this did not have sufficient influence with the County Councils, etc., as to induce them to give the very reasonable undertaking with regard to the roads, that was required of them.

It is possible that your Council might take a different view of their responsibilities in this matter, but you will readily understand that unless the project receives the countenance of the County Councils generally throughout Ireland the scheme could not be brought into operation.

An isolated service would not justify the inauguration and organization of such a project as the promoters had in view.

Yours faithfully  
W. Bailey

Public Bodies Order.

A resolution for adoption was received from the Rathdown No. 1 Rural District Council, protesting against the Public Bodies Order 1904, and requesting the Local Government Board to have it withdrawn.

Resolution from Wicklow County Council:- Resolved -  
"That this Co. Council would call on the Councils of all the Counties in Ireland, to form a deputation, consisting of their Chairman, or Vice Chairman

and Secretary, to attend before the Local Government Board, with a view to having the Public Bodies Order considerably modified, or entirely withdrawn." The resolutions above given were marked - "Read."

### Gaelic League

a series of resolutions was received from the Gaelic League, Dublin, with reference to the teaching of Irish in the National Schools.

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Browne the resolutions were adopted".

### Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904 was laid before the Meeting:-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street

Dublin. 5<sup>th</sup> Novr 1904.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B. M. D., Public Analyst for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904.

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

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Butter         | 16.           |
| Milk           | 18            |
| Whiskey        | 15            |
| Rum            | 1             |
| Total          | <u>45.</u>    |

Of the specimens of milk one was deprived of at least 50 per cent of its fats and was therefore a debased article.

One of the butters contained an excess of water, namely 19.6 per cent.

The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Garry Union twelve drugs, one

specimen of wine, and one of whiskey were analysed.

One of the drugs, namely, Solution of Ferric chloride, contained an excess of iron.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, sixteen drugs, four specimens of tea, two of milk, and three waters were analysed. One of the drugs, compound mixture of senna, was low in alcohol and high in crystallized magnesium sulphate. The teas were of good quality. One of the milks was under the average quality of pure milk. The specimens of water had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

|                            | No. 1. | No. 2  | No. 3. |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total solid matters        | 7.700  | 21.000 | 15.400 |
| Including:                 |        |        |        |
| albuminoid ammonia.        | 0.006  | 0.006  | 0.005  |
| Saline ammonia             | 0.0035 | 0.016  | 0.006  |
| Nitric acid                | Trace  | 2.330  | Trace  |
| Chlorine                   | 0.994  | 2.882  | 1.093  |
| Sulphuric acid             | 1.4412 | 4.3236 | 2.8824 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate. | 2.0000 | 6.0000 | 4.0000 |

No 2 was an <sup>very</sup> inferior water.

For the Guardians of New Ross Union six drugs were analysed. They were correct.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                           | No. 1. | No. 2. | No. 3. | No. 4. |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total solid matters,      | 29.400 | 17.500 | 19.600 | 88.600 |
| Including                 |        |        |        |        |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.0050 | 0.007  | 0.0060 | 0.0030 |
| Saline ammonia            | 0.0015 | 0.005  | 0.0025 | 0.0015 |
| Nitric acid               | 5.600  | 4.220  | 4.780  | 5.600  |
| Chlorine                  | 3.180  | 3.379  | 5.367  | 3.976  |
| Sulphuric acid            | 5.7648 | 5.7648 | 5.7648 | 5.7648 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 8.0000 | 8.0000 | 8.0000 | 8.0000 |

all are fairly good waters.

A specimen of water analysed for A. D. Delys Esq Rosslare Harbour, had the following composition:-  
One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

Total solid matters, 257.600

Including

Albuminoid ammonia 0.008

Saline ammonia 0.002

Nitric acid trace

Chlorine 101.388

Sulphuric acid 36.030

Equal to calcium sulphate. 50.000

A fairly good water.

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street Dublin, which were taken up in the county of Wexford. They were pure.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the county of Wexford, six drugs were analysed. They were correct. Total analysis = 106.

Charles A. Cameron.

#### — Clerks in Department of Agriculture —

From Kings Co. Council, a resolution was received for adoption calling the attention of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to grievances which exist especially as regards the Catholic Clerks in the Veterinary Branch.

Mr Bolger proposed, Mr Hickey seconded that the resolution be adopted. Passed.

#### — Conveyance of Prisoners. —

The following resolution was received for adoption from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

Resolved:- That this Council is of opinion that steps should be taken by the Government for sending prisoners from

the Enniscorthy Rural District, to Waterford, instead of to Dublin owing to the extravagant expense of sending them from this part of the county, to Kilmainham, whilst Waterford is much nearer and accessible by rail."

Mr. Bolger proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded :-  
 "That the resolution of the Enniscorthy District Council be sent to the General Prisons Board for their observations."  
 Passed.

### University Education

A resolution was received from Mayo Co. Council, calling upon the Public Boards throughout the country to "join in a strong united protest against the unstatesmanlike policy of the present Government in ignoring the repeated demands of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, supported as they have been by the unanimous voice of the laity in the matter of University Education for Catholics."

The following was read on the same subject from the New Ross District School Attendance Committee  
 Resolved :- 1. That the time has come for the people of this country to express their sense of disappointment at the scandalous delay on the part of the British Government in dealing with the question of University Education in Ireland.

2.- That, as the requirements of the Catholics of Ireland have been specifically outlined by the authoritative declarations of the Hierarchy, no valid or reasonable excuse remains for the unwillingness of the Government to deal fully and adequately with the question.

3.- That we earnestly request the Public Boards throughout the country to join in a strong united protest against the unstatesmanlike policy of the present Government in ignoring the repeated demands of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, supported as they have been with the unanimous voice of the laity.

4.- That we call upon the leaders of the Government to give legislative effect to their individual expressions of sympathy with the present position of the Catholic youths of Ireland, having regard especially to the findings of their own Royal Commission which was appointed by them to inquire into and report upon the subject."

The resolutions received from New Ross School Attendance Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Keacocke.

#### Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:- "That the several proposals for payment in respect of the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904, sent up by the Rural District Councils, and the Proposal Committee, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### Re-levy Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey.  
Seconded by Mr. Murphy. The following resolution was adopted:- "That the amount paid the Rate collectors, as refunds for irrecoverable rates in respect of the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904, be re-levied as a county-at-large charge."

#### Irish Co. Councils General Council

The following series of resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the Irish Co. Councils General Council on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1905, were laid before the meeting:-

##### National Self-government

"That the Irish people ought to be a free people with a natural right to govern themselves. That no Parliament is competent to make laws for Ireland except an Irish Parliament sitting in Ireland."

and that the claim of any other body of men to make laws for or to govern Ireland, is illegal and unconstitutional, and a grievance intolerable to the people of this country."

#### Irish Manufactured goods

"That for the sake of the very existence of the Irish nation which is rapidly disappearing owing to continued emigration, the Irish public generally and all public bodies that are elected by Irishmen should contract for and use only manufactured goods, when they can be obtained at a reasonable price; and tillage must be encouraged by the agricultural committee of county councils, as far as they have power, as it was encouraged, through the means of bounties by the Irish Parliament a century and a half ago.

That Irish manufacturers are hereby called on to take immediate steps to make known to the public Boards and the Irish public generally, the goods manufactured in Ireland; otherwise the manufacturers cannot expect that support which is necessary for their several interests, and the general interests of the country."

#### National Exhibition

"That we express the opinion that the proposed International Exhibition would be most detrimental to our wish that Irish manufactured goods should be alone used in Ireland, and we request any patriotic Irishmen who have advocated such an Exhibition to withdraw their support from it, and, on the other hand, to support the holding of a National Exhibition, in order that the public may see, what can be produced in Ireland, and may be induced to demand of the shopkeepers that in future some manufactures be pushed in their shops, instead of foreign goods, as is done at present."

#### Catholic University Question.

"That this council is of opinion that in the matter of higher education for the Catholic youth

of this country, they should be suitably equipped in, and have all the advantages of their Protestant countrymen, so as to enable them to take their proper place in the development of the industrial resources of Ireland."

Amendment to Local Government (N) acts.

"That this Council is of opinion that the Local Government Act 1898, and the Local Government Boards Orders the re-under, require amendment to meet the following points -

(a) - Under the act the Rates must be made not later than the first March, and as the Commissioner of valuation is only bound to supply the revised list on same date, it follows that the Rate must be struck on the old valuation, which makes a substantial difference to the ratepayers in a county like Dublin, where there is a large annual increase in the valuation.

(b) - The interval between the statutory meetings of the District Councils and the meeting of the County Council at which the District proposals are approved or rejected is too short to allow of their being dealt with by the Co. Council, the result is, therefore that the rate is struck on a supposititious estimate of the amount required, instead of on the actual figures.

(c) With regard to the remission of Rates on vacant houses, the only proof required of premises being unoccupied is the declaration of the collector, under the Poor Law, the person claiming remission was obliged to make a declaration, and this Council thinks that such a corroboration of the collector's statement would be <sup>very</sup> desirable."

(d) That the law should be amended as regards dual representation on District Councils where desirable.

(e) That power should be given to every Co. Council to initiate Drainage schemes.

(f) That in cases of illegal payments made by Councils the only members liable to surcharge should be those

voting in favour of such illegal resolution.

(g) That we consider section 6 of the Local Government Act of 1902, which places the entire amount for increases of salaries on the local rates, to be most unjust, and we emphatically urge the repeal of this section.

(h) That as Local Councils, asylum committees, etc., have no voice whatever in the appointment of auditors, arbitrators, etc., we consider the fact of these bodies being compelled to pay excessive expenses to be most unjustifiable, and we call on the local bodies throughout the country to resist payment of those gentlemen till they secure a voice in their appointment."

(i) That we consider the action of the Local Government Board in announcing the fact that many of the Orders in Council in existence, as well as the present system of accounts, are to be done away with without consultation with the bodies immediately concerned, to be in keeping with the anti-Irish spirit of the Local Government Board, and we claim, as representing the Councils of Ireland, that they should have been consulted in connection with any such sweeping changes.

(f) That we protest against charges being made on county councils (as in the case of South Tipperary county council) for the expenses incurred in gazetting the appointments of Deputy Lieutenants - appointments in which the representatives of the people have neither voice nor concern - and demand that such charges be withdrawn in the future.

#### Importation of Swine into England.

"That in view of the importance and volume of the Irish pig trade in England, we are of opinion that the Councils in Ireland, should be very active in protesting against any unfair regulation being made by the Agricultural Department in England injuriously affecting the importation of pigs into that country.

We approve of the action of the

Galway County Council in inaugurating the proposal of holding conferences of those interested in the pig trade in consequence of which the Mayor of Limerick convened such a conference, and it was held in Limerick on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. We desire to approve heartily of the resolutions adopted at the conference, as we know they voice the opinion of those best calculated to speak on the subject. We hope those resolutions will receive the attention of the Irish Party, in order that the unnecessary and obnoxious regulations of the Board of Agriculture in England relative to the importation of Irish Swine into Great Britain, may be withdrawn without delay.

#### Re-afforestation of Ireland.

"That in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable that immediate steps should be taken to ensure the hearty cooperation of all Irish County Councils in acquiring waste lands and spaces suitable for re-afforestation. That the Government be requested to allocate a sum sufficient to start a Forestry Department, elected by popular suffrage, which could be taken from the amount due to Ireland through over taxation according to the Union Contract."

#### The Duties of County & Deputy Surveyors

"That the Local Government Board be requested to define the duties of the County and Deputy Surveyors in such Counties where satisfactory arrangements have not been come to between the Council and the Surveyors, especially on the following points (a) Are the Surveyors whole time officers (b) If not, how much of their time belongs to the public (c) How often the County Surveyor is supposed to inspect the roads etc. (d) What means have the Councils, to check the work and time of the Surveyors (e) What remedy have County Councils against Surveyors, if the roads, waterables, and footpaths are in bad order.?"

and that the Local Government Board be further requested to prescribe a report book for

County and Deputy Surveyors, to show in detail the roads, etc., inspected by them and other works arranged for, with the various dates of their inspections. That the County Councils be afforded an opportunity of inspecting the reports made by the Deputy Surveyors to the County Surveyor in respect of the various contracts for roads etc., said reports to be presented at the statutable meetings of the County Councils and more often if required."

#### Regulation for lighting of bicycles

"That it is desirable to make regulations for the lighting of bicycles after dark."

#### Out-Door Relief

"That the poor law be so amended that men and women having reached the age of 60 years, and having led respectable lives, should be permitted to live outside the Workhouse and should receive in money the equivalent amount they would cost the Ratepayers inside the Union. This would prevent the unnatural course of separating old married couples as soon as they enter the gate of the Union."

#### Insurance Companies and Claims for Malicious Injuries.

"That the law relating to Compensation for Malicious Injuries be altered so as to prevent Insurance Companies that have accepted premiums on risks from recovering from the Ratepayers under claims for malicious injuries."

#### Irish Produce in English Markets.

"That, in our opinion, it is absolutely necessary to have a genuine Representative for Irish produce in the markets of Great Britain, with duties analogous to those of the Danish Commissioner, for the protection of Irish interests, and the extension of sale of Irish products."

"On the Motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided that the above resolutions be received, and postponed until the next Meeting of the County

Council. The reference to these resolutions be inserted early on the agenda paper of the next meeting."

### School of Irish Learning.

Under date January 16<sup>th</sup> 1905, a letter was read from Mr R. J. Best, Hon Secretary, School of Irish Learning dealing with the programme of the school etc., Mr Best wrote - "It has occurred to the Governors, that your Council may be able to help this project by granting pecuniary aid (which might take the form of a scholarship) to some promising student in the County, which would enable him to come up to Dublin, and take advantage of the training offered by these classes."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-  
"That we sympathise with the project of a school for Irish Learning and refer the question as to whether we are in a position to contribute to this school to our solicitor - Mr R. W. Bolger."

### Evicted Tenants

The following resolution received from the Enniscorthy Branch of the United Irish League, and adopted by the Enniscorthy Rural District Council at the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> January was laid before the meeting:-

"That we urge on the Nationalists of the County the pressing need of bearing in mind at this juncture the critical condition of the Evicted Tenants, and the urgent necessity of affording them all moral and material support in their struggle for justice, and that in particular, we appeal to Tenants on Estates where negotiations for sale are now proceeding to stand loyally by the wounded soldiers, and thus win the approval of all good Irishmen."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Bolger, seconded by Mr Dempsey."

Foreign Store-battle

a resolution was received from Queens County, Co. Council, protesting against any action being taken by the Government to allow of free entrance of foreign store-battle to the ports of Great Britain & Ireland.

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bolger the resolution was adopted."

Proposed Marine Works Bill.

The Secretary said it was necessary to appoint two representatives on the permanent committee to conduct the movement in favour of a Marine Works act, for the south-east coast of Ireland.

Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, and Cummins, had been appointed on behalf of the Council to attend the first meeting in Wicklow.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1906, Mr. J. W. MacPhail Wicklow, Secretary of the Executive Committee wrote forwarding copy of proposed bill for the approval and consideration of the Council. Mr. MacPhail stated that in the opinion of the Committee the Wexford County Council should pass a strong resolution in support of the movement, calling on the Government to introduce and pass in the next session of Parliament a Marine Works act, for the south-east coast of Ireland, copies to be forwarded to Mr. Balfour, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> December 1904 Mr. Peter French M.P. wrote:- "I have, over and over again, brought the requirements of the Harbours in my constituency under the notice of the House of Commons, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and it will give me great pleasure indeed to help in every way I can to induce the Government to bring in a Marine Works Bill for the south-east coast of Ireland."

I shall if possible attend the meeting which is to be held in the City Hall, Dublin, on Tuesday the

15<sup>th</sup> December for the furtherance of this object.

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

"That we are strongly of opinion, it is absolutely necessary for the Government to pass a Marine Works Act for the South East coast of Ireland. to endeavour to retain in the country the population that at present finds no means of prosecuting their industry, we consider this matter is an Imperial question and not one for the Ratepayers."

### Coulduff Pier.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1905, the following letter (No 3333/04 F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to request that you will be good enough to state whether the arrangements regarding the County contribution to the cost of repairing and improving Coulduff Harbour have yet been completely settled with the Local Government Board, etc.,

The Department are ready to take the necessary steps for carrying out the work, and are awaiting a notification from the Wexford County Council that the financial aspect of the matter is now in order."

### The absence of Mr. Ennis.

On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Dimpsey, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we express our regret at the cause of the absence of Mr Ennis, from our meeting, and offer him our sympathy in the serious illness of his Mother."

### Notice of Motion

Annual Return Stones

Mr Chaddus Bolger moved, the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the annual return prepared by the County Surveyor giving the name of each Road Contractor the number of his contract in the existing schedule, the

quantity of stones specified to be spread, and the quantity actually put on each road, be issued by the 20<sup>th</sup> October of each year, and circulated amongst the County and Rural District Councillors of the County, as provided by the resolution adopted by the County Council. on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1902"  
Mr. Donohoe seconded.

Mr. Webster said it would be impossible to have the return made out by the 20<sup>th</sup> October owing to his other duties. He thought it would meet their views to have the return ready by the November meeting of the Council.

Mr. Ahern proposed that the return should be made out by the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The resolution of Mr. J. Bolger was then put and passed.

Mr. Webster said that he would not be able to have the report ready by the 20<sup>th</sup>. He would endeavour to have the report in manuscript by the 20<sup>th</sup> October, but would not guarantee it.

#### Sale of Food & Drugs. Act.

Letter No 1924-05 under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1905. from the Department of Agriculture, &c., in which they state that one of their officers obtained samples of butter in the County Wexford - 2 at Ferns, and 3 at Newtownbarry - and on analyses they were found to be pure.

#### Confirmation of Minutes of Committees

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Minutes of the Finance Committee and Proposal Committee, since last statutable meeting of the Council were confirmed."

Edmund Horn.