

Statutable Half-yearly meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> May 1907.

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the county council was held in the council chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1907:-

Present :- Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman, Co. Council presiding  
Other members :- Messrs J. E. Mayler, J. B. Hanne, James Dodd, M. Brown, John Bolger, E. Hore, J. Cummins, J. Donohoe, J. J. Kehoe, A. Kinsella, N. C. Murphy, M. Doyle, M. Hickey, J. A. Doyle, James Sinnott, J. Asple, John Sinnott, J. Bolger, D. Kavanagh, and D. Dempsey.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Works intendered for at Proposal meeting.

No. 58 (Kilmore Breakwater, not to exceed £200). The following letter was read from Mr. Patrick Parle, Kilmore Quay:-

"Should there be no tender for the work on the Breakwater at Kilmore Quay, I would be willing to do the work of taking down the part required, according to the instructions and specification of Mr. Webster; for the sum of £100 I would not have anything to do with the rebuilding."

"On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, it was decided that the work be given in charge of the Co. Surveyor."

No. 59. - (Road at Sarahill Quarry, not to exceed £50). and No. 60 (Platform at Sarahill Quarry, not to exceed £15)

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kinsella these works were given in charge of the County Surveyor"

No. 64 (Barne Pier) not to exceed £14.

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins, work was given in charge of the County Surveyor."

No. 65. (To remove stones from Duncannon Harbour, not to exceed £35)

"Given in charge of the County Surveyor, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Dempsey."

District Works, untendered for.

Wexford. - E. Gullet at Lagoat, amount £2: 10/-  
Referred back to District Council, on the motion of the Chairman.

No. 2. (Wexford) To maintain 541 perches from Kilmachree to Killinick, not to exceed 3/- per perch for one year and nine months, from June 30<sup>th</sup> 1907 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908.

Richard Murphy, Moorfields, at £64: 4: 10 per annum.

Edward Davis, Castlebridge at £75: 10: 3. and James Fenlon Crustown at £67: 12: 6.

Tenders had been received at the Wexford District Council for this work, and in connection with which the following letter was read from Mr. Davis:-

"I have lodged this tender at the same rate 2/9<sup>5</sup> that was the lowest on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the District Rural Council, and respectfully claim that I am entitled to the contract on that account. I have allowed for the measurement of Assaly Bridge in total amount."

"Mr. Webster County Surveyor explained that the District Council had reduced the amount of perches to 541 taking from the contract the number of perches at Assaly Railway Bridge, which the land should be maintained by the Railway Company; Murphy had tendered at the District Council at 2<sup>d</sup> per perch higher than Davis, and no tender had been received at the District Council from Fenlon. If the District Council had amended the number of perches at their meeting, Davis was satisfied to accept the contract."

"Mr. M. Doyle proposed that the tender of Edward Davis be accepted. Mr. Dempsey seconded."

"Mr. Kehoe proposed, and Mr. Kinsella seconded the acceptance of Murphy's tender."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For accepting Davis:- Messrs Dempsey, Mayler, Kearne, Browne, Houk, Donohoe, Murphy, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, J. A. Doyle, Asple, Jas Sinnott, Cummins, and the Chairman - 14

For accepting Murphy:- Messrs James Bodd, Kehoe, Kinsella, Hickey, and John Sinnott:- 5.

The Chairman declared Davis's tender accepted.

No. 48. To maintain 284 perches from borough boundary to the village of Mulgannon, not to exceed 6<sup>d</sup> per perch, for five years, from June 30<sup>th</sup> 1907. to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1912.)

James Moran, Mulgannon, tendered at 6<sup>d</sup> per perch £7: 2: 0 per annum, and was accepted on the motion of the chairman.

#### New Ross Rural District.

No. 90. - To make a gullet 7½ perches long, at Blonguen, not to exceed £2.

"Referred back to district council, as Mr. Webster the Surveyor declined to take it."

No. 92. To widen and repair 90 perches of a lane leading to Templeudigan Chapel, not to exceed £49: 10/-

"Micheal Doran, Ballinaberney, Ballywilliam; tendered at £49: 10/- and was accepted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hickey."

No. 36. - To repair for one year from 30<sup>th</sup> June 1907 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1908, 404 perches of road between the turn to Ballymacar, and the bounds of New Ross Urban District not to exceed £20: 11: 8 "

On the motion of the chairman this work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 9. - To rebuild a gullet at Mulgarrow, not to exceed £6. Given in charge of the County Surveyor, on the motion of the chairman "

#### Gorey Rural District.

No. 35. To repair 459 perches between the Ford of Donnal-boley and the crossroads of Blone, not to exceed 6<sup>d</sup> per perch, £11: 9: 6. per annum.

No. 46. 580 perches between the court bounds at Askinck and the high road, at Coolgreany, not to exceed 9<sup>d</sup> per perch, annual amount £21: 10/-

No. 161. - To repair 880 perches from Craanford to Camolin, not to exceed 1/3 per perch, annual amount £55.

No. 35; 46; and 161 were given in charge of the County Surveyor on the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

#### Enniscorthy Rural District

No. 8. - To repair the paving of Blohamon bridge, not to exceed £20.

Given in charge of the County Surveyor, on the motion of the chairman.

No 7.- To put in repair the lane leading from Patrick Leary's contract at Scollagh bridge to Mr. Bosc's gate, not to exceed £28: 15/-.

Referred back to District Council.

No 8.- To repair the lane from Patrick Leary's contract at Mahon's Bawn to Mr. Maher's lane, not to exceed £26.

Referred back to District Council.

### Signing of a Bond.

When the tenders accepted by District Councils were being considered, Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, (Huggard & Brennan) objected on behalf of Michael Whitty, Ballyrannell, to the contract for road No. 47 in Enniscorthy District, (to maintain for 5 years from 30<sup>th</sup> June 1907 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1912, 978 perches between the old mailcoach road at Scurloughs-bush etc) being given to Joseph Bullen Ballyrannell, who tendered at £16: 6/- per annum, on the ground that Jas. McDonald who was returned as one of the sureties had not signed the bond, which had been signed in his name by his brother Randal McDonald.

James McDonald admitted that his name had been signed to the bond by his brother Randal.

Mr. Elger, Solicitor advised that the contract should be rejected.

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

"Acting on the advice of our Solicitor we cancel the contract for Road No. 47 in Enniscorthy District (Joseph Bullen, contractor) and refer the work back to the District Council. That the road be given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year at £24: 9/- per annum."

### Quarry at Ballyfad Wood

On the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Kinsella the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary communicate with the Commissioners of Woods & Forests, and request them to allow Road Contractors to work the quarry at Ballyfad Wood near Camolin."

### Proposals for New Works.

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

"That the several proposals for new works, sent up by the Proposal Committee of the County Council, and the several Rural District Councils of the County, be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

— Payments to Public Bodies —

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Donohoe:-

"That the second quarterly instalment of the demands for the Board of Guardians, and District Councils of the County and District Lunatic Asylum be paid."

Proposals for Payment.

Recommended:- "That the several proposals for payment from the District Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee of the County Council be sanctioned for payment."

— Appointment of Official Checkers Rate Collectors &c. —

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

"That Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford R. D. Council; Owen Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council; R. Brighton Clerk Gorey R. D. Council; and M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross; be appointed deputy checkers of Rate Collectors accounts, for the Rural Districts of Wexford, Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively at a remuneration of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per 100 ratings."

— Letting Governor's House. Co. jail. —

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

"That we agree to the Governor's house and garden at the Wexford prison being let to Mr. J. J. Dwyer, provided he is satisfied to take it on a six month's tenancy for certain, and at a monthly tenancy at the expiration of six months at the rate of £30 per annum. That the Council will lay on gas and water and have the premises cleaned if Mr. Dwyer agrees to these terms."

Committee Sarahill

On the motion of the chairman it was agreed to appoint a foreman to take charge of work, accounts, etc., at Sarahill quarry; at a salary of £1 per week, duties and details of advertisement, to be drafted by the following committee to meet at Gorey Courthouse on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> instant at 11 o'clock am.:-  
messrs M. A. Ennis, John Sinnott, J. Donohoe, J. Bolger, A. Kinsella, J. Bolger, and the County Surveyor. three to form a quorum.

Appointment to be made at the annual meeting of the Council on 12<sup>th</sup> June."

Sealing & Signing Contractors Bonds.

On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That bonds from Road Contractors etc., for contracts entered into by the District Councils, and Proposal Committee, be sealed and signed."

Change of Date for closing Rate Collection

"Mr. Cummins gave notice of his intention to move at the annual meeting of the Council:- That the period for closing the Rate Collection of this County, be altered, from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April, and from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October."

Dredging of Arthurstown & Duncannon.

The following letter was read for the meeting:-

Arthurstown; 6<sup>th</sup> May 1907.

To the Chairman of the County Council.

Sir

We the traders of Arthurstown, who are interested in the state of its quay desire to bring the following facts under your notice in connection therewith:-

It will be in your recollection that a committee of the Co. Council, viz:- messrs Ennis and Keacocke, visited this quay sometime ago, and on their recommendation it was decided to dredge it.

The dredger has been to here, we presume by order of your Council, with what result is too plainly to be seen, as previous to its doing anything at all, vessels of moderate

tonnage coming to the quay could safely lie there, but now none can come in except in a gut which it cut through the mud too far away from the quay to be unloaded.

Should a vessel miss this gut she will be on the edge of it and assuredly topple over on her side, and should she happen to lie across it she will be in danger of being strained.

It is in fact impossible to describe its present dangerous state and should be seen, to actually understand it.

We would consequently request those gentlemen who visited it before to again do so, and see for themselves what value has been received for the expense incurred by the work done.

We feel confident that Messrs Ennis, and Leacock who so kindly interested themselves in improving our Quay will have no hesitation in again coming to see for themselves how their good intentions have come to nought.

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants

James O'Neill

John Murphy

Murphy & Sutton

Thos. Wm. Power

Israel Wallis

Mr. Webster said the terms of the hire of the dredger was for a month. She worked away at Duncannon first, but she was interfered with by the weather and took some little time to lay her moorings. It took a good while to work in front of Duncannon main pier, and that had been very satisfactory except that the work exposed some large stones which they had decided upon taking away, having given the work in his charge that day. Prior to going to Arthurstown the dredger had to go to Waterford to have her boiler overhauled and to get in fresh water. Of course the County Council would not be charged for the time occupied in this work - four or five days. He found that she could not carry out the work at Arthurstown without getting an extension of time and he asked the County Council for the extension and they agreed to it. He wrote to the Board of Works in connection with this extension but found they could not allow the dredger to remain at Arthurstown for the time

required.

They said they had made <sup>other</sup> arrangements for her and would take her away on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. When she went to dredge at Arthurstown there was a coal vessel discharging there, and this vessel was in the way of the dredger. The result was they had to take her away from Arthurstown until the vessel left, and she did the best she could at the inner harbour of Duncannon, and he kept her occupied that way. She had then only three days left for Arthurstown, as the Board of Works had written saying they were willing to leave her until the 27<sup>th</sup> April, and that when she had finished her agreements elsewhere they would be willing to send her back to complete the work at Arthurstown. It was impossible in the circumstances to do more than had been done.

Chairman:- You consider there is some ground for this letter?

Mr. Webster:- Decidedly.

Mr. Cummins:- How many tons of stuff did you get out of that place?

Mr. Webster:- About 2000 tons. When the coal vessel left, the tides did not suit for Arthurstown at all.

The following resolution, was proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and adopted.

"That we request the Board of Works to hire their dredger 'Sisyphus' to complete the dredging of Arthurstown Harbour, and inner harbour of Duncannon. That a copy of letter (enclosed) received from the traders of Arthurstown be forwarded to the Board of Works, and that their attention be drawn to the fact that the work done by the dredger at Arthurstown up to the present has been more of a danger than a benefit, and that it is absolutely necessary that the dredging should be completed."

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kehoe, Mr. A. J. Stephens, Duncannon, was appointed Clerk of Works, while the dredging was being carried out at the rate of 6/- per day."

under date 4<sup>th</sup> May 1907 the following letter No. 4847-07 was read from the Board of Works:-

"In reply to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to confirm the following telegram sent to you last night:-

"It is expected Board's claim on Council in respect of hire of Sisyphus will be about £325. If that amount be lodged now on account the matter can be adjusted later."

I am to point out that as the accounts in respect of this hiring have not yet been closed the Board will be unable to furnish you with a formal account by Tuesday next. I am accordingly to suggest that you should obtain the authority of the County Council to lodge the £325 on account."

Ordered:- "That £325 be lodged to the credit of Board of Works."

#### Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors

The following applications for the position of Sheep Dipping Inspectors were received:- Remuneration £1. per week for eleven weeks:-

Enniscorthy District:- Randal McDonald, Zinnahack Dylegate.

"On the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, Mr. McDonald was appointed."

Gorey District:- Aiden Leary, Boolaught, Blackwater.

"On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Leary was elected."

Wexford District:- William Stafford, Ballyboker, Comhaggard, and Charles F. Colleton, Kingsford, Barnstown.

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hore, Mr. Stafford was elected, nem con."

New Ross District:- applications were received from James J. Shortall, Knockroe, New Ross; and William Moore, Longraigue.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr. Shortall.

Mr. Hickey proposed, and Mr. Mayler seconded the appointment of Mr. Moore.

A poll was taken with the following result for Shortall:- Messrs Kearne, Murphy, M. Doyle, J. Codd.

Brown, J. Bolger James Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, How, Cummins, Donohoe, Kehoe, and the Chairman. 13.

For Moore:- Messrs Dempsey, Mayler, Kinsella, Kavanagh, and Hickey:- 5.

Mr. John Sinnott did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Shortall elected.

### Dates of meetings

The following dates were fixed for the meetings of the District Councils, etc., for half year ending September 30th 1907.

|                         |           |           |       |    |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----|
| New Ross Rural District | Saturday  | Nov. 2nd  | 11.30 | OC |
| Gorey                   | Wednesday | " 6th     | 11.30 | "  |
| Enniscorthy             | Friday    | " 8th     | "     | "  |
| Wexford                 | Saturday  | " 9th     | 10.30 | "  |
| Proposal Committee      | Wednesday | " 13th    |       |    |
| County Council          | Tuesday   | Decr. 3rd |       |    |

### Deduction from Estate Duty Grant

The following letter under date 24th April '07 (No 20,471/07) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, relative to the recent reduction by £ 2773 : 5 : 5, of the instalment of the Death Duty Grant appertaining to County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the deduction has been made on account of land purchase in the county; this Grant being the first portion of the Guarantee Fund provided in connection with the matter by the Land Acts of 1891 and 1903.

The enclosed copies of certificates, in so far as County Wexford is concerned, of the Land Commission and the Commissioners of National Debt set forth the liability of the county in this respect, and the Board have no information on the subject beyond that contained in these certificates, and in the reports which have appeared in the daily paper of replies to questions in Parliament.

From the certificates accompanying the Board's letter it appeared that the total deductions to be made amounted to

and the total additions amounted to

leaving the net deduction

£4021 : 13 : 6

1248 : 8 : 1

£2773 : 5 : 5

Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman, moved the following:-

"That, whilst we are fully prepared on behalf of the County we represent, to guarantee the honest repayment by our fellow countrymen, of every penny of the principal and interest which they have agreed to pay for the purchase of their holdings, we regard the conditions with respect to loss on the flotation of stock laid down in the Land Purchase Act of 1903 as being both impossible of fulfilment and inequitable; - impossible, because the entire resources of the Development Grant would be exhausted by the issue of 10 to 15 millions more of Land Stock after which more than one-seventh of the entire cost of Land Purchase would fall upon our taxpayers, who manifestly cannot bear such a burden, - and inequitable, because the present abnormally low prices of British Government Securities, are due to foreign wars and other causes which have been neither sanctioned nor controlled by the Irish People; who, by the findings of a Royal Commission appointed by a Liberal Government are shown to be overtaxed to the extent of three millions per annum, and who are further burdened by an extravagant system of administration.

We call upon the Prime Minister for an assurance that immediate steps will be taken by the Government to assume responsibility in this matter, and to relieve the County Councils of Ireland from a crushing liability calculated to paralyze local administration, and to arrest material progress for the next half century."

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary for Ireland; Mr. J. E. Redmond M. P., the County members, and Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary General Councils, Irish Co. Councils. Mr. Howe seconded. Passed.

### National Bank, & Irish Signed Cheques.

The following letter under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1906, from the Secretary of the National Bank, was read:-

"I am instructed by the Directors to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 6<sup>th</sup> instant, with copy of a Resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, in regard to which I am

to refer you to the enclosed copy of correspondence between the Galway County Council and this bank, on the subject of a similar Resolution passed by that body - to the terms of which the Directors feel compelled to adhere.

I may add that, for some years past, a knowledge of Irish has been a subject of examination for entry into the Bank's service. This was done at the request of the Gaelic League; and the National was the first Bank to adopt the rule."

The following is the correspondence mentioned in above letter:-

Galway County Council.  
Secretary's Office  
Galway. 15<sup>th</sup> November 1906.

Sir,

I am directed by the County Council to forward to you accompanying copy of a Resolution unanimously passed at their meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant  
W. Gordon Seymour  
Secretary

To the Secretary  
National Bank, London

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and Resolved:- "That the Galway County Council have learned with regret that the National Bank which has heretofore enjoyed the confidence of so many County and other Councils in Ireland has refused to accept cheques signed solely in Irish. From a Bank calling itself National, sympathy with the language movement was to be expected instead of the anti-National feeling shown by the Directors. English Banks have accepted cheques signed solely in Irish and we hereby request the National Bank to do likewise; and in the event of our request being refused we reserve the right to take such further action as may be necessary in the matter.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary National Bank, London, and to all the County Councils.

and District Councils in Ireland."

The National Bank, Limited.

18 Old Broad Street,

London; E. C., 19<sup>th</sup> November 1906.

Sir,

I am desired by the Directors to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, with copy of a resolution passed by the Galway County Council at their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, in regard to which I refer you to <sup>the</sup> speech addressed by the chairman to the shareholders of this Bank, at the last half-yearly meeting in Dublin on the 26<sup>th</sup> July. (Copy in Freeman's Journal of 27<sup>th</sup> July 1906, enclosed).

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Signed) J. H. Darcy  
Secretary

W. Gordon Seymour Esq.

Secretary

Galway Co. Council.

County of Galway County Council  
Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse,

Galway. Nov: 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, in which you refer the County Council to the Freeman's Journal of the 27<sup>th</sup> July last containing a report of the speech addressed by the chairman of the Bank to the shareholders on the 26<sup>th</sup> July. I am further to say that it was the very unsatisfactory nature of the chairman's speech above referred to which moved the County Council to pass the resolution of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant relative to cheques signed wholly in Irish, of which a copy has been sent to you; and I am to ask whether the County Council are to take your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant as a refusal on the part of the Directors to accede to the request of the Council contained in the said resolution.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

The Secretary

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W. Gordon Seymour  
Secretary

The National Bank, Limited.

13 Old Broad Street.

London. 30<sup>th</sup> November 1907.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> instant.

In reply, I am instructed to say that the Directors regret that, in the interests of the shareholders as well as of the customers of the Bank, they do not see their way to depart from the decision already arrived at in regard to the non-acceptance of cheques signed in Irish only. It is, however, open to the Galway County Council to cause their cheques to be signed in Irish, so long as the cheques bear on the face of them a notification in English indicating the account to which they should be debited - see specimen cheque annexed. The Bank manager at Galway has been instructed to govern himself accordingly.

At the meeting of the Shareholders held in Dublin in July last, the Chairman explained that a regulation of this class was absolutely necessary from the point of view of the proper administration of the business of the Bank, as well as for the purpose of safeguarding all concerned (shareholders, customers, and officers) from the risk of forgery or the like. The Chairman's view was fully accepted and approved by the meeting without a dissentient voice.

The Directors cannot but believe that, if this question be looked at dispassionately by the members of your Council the difficulties surrounding it from a banking and business point of view will be readily apparent.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully  
(Signed) J. H. Davy

Secretary

W. Gordon Seymour Esq

Secretary Galway Co Council.

The following letter from Surgeon Major Stafford, Newbarn House, Swanton Hill, Surrey; under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1906, was read:-

"Absence from home has prevented me, until now, from acknowledging the receipt of a Resolution, which was

recently passed by the Wexford County Council on the subject of cheques written in the Irish language, and presented for payment at the Branches of the National Bank.

Without pronouncing an opinion on the matter, which I could not do as apart from my colleagues on the Board, I think you will find that cheques signed in Irish are paid by the Bank, with this condition, which is an absolute necessity, that the cheque so signed shall also bear on its face, a provision to protect the drawer himself, as well as to safeguard the Bank from the danger of forgery in the interests of the Shareholders."

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kinsella and adopted: "That we express our strong opinion that the directors of the National Bank, should after next examination make a knowledge of Irish compulsory for candidates for Bank appointments. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the National Bank."

#### Food & Drugs Prosecutions.

"Under date 27<sup>th</sup> April 1907 (nos. 11984/07 & 11985/07) the Department of Agriculture wrote that an Officer of the Department, who was instructed to discharge duties under Section 2. of the Act of 1899, purchased from Mr. James Gurlong, Main Street, Newtownbarry, and Mr. Aidan R. Foley, Ferns, samples of butter, which, on being analysed were found to contain an excess of water, and intimating that proceedings should, on behalf of the Local Authority be instituted."

"The Secretary stated that he had placed the matter in Mr. Elger's hands who had instituted the necessary proceedings."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the letters of the Department, were referred to Mr. Elger."

#### Auditors Reports.

Auditors reports on the accounts of Gorey and Enniscorthy Rural District Councils, and Enniscorthy Union, were read.

#### Outbreak of Anthrax.

The following letter under date 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1907, from the

Department of Agriculture, was read:-

"With reference to the outbreak of anthrax on the premises of John Neville, Kiltaly, the Department are advised, in connection with their inquiries in the matter, that it would be well to have the grave opened in which is interred the carcass of the cow that had died on 5<sup>th</sup> Instant, and the remains then saturated in some powerful disinfectant. A strong solution of Jeyes Fluid is recommended for this purpose. Kindly state in due course what action is taken on the above suggestion, which is put forward in view of the consideration that the grave is in close proximity to a drain leading into a neighbouring stream."

In connection with above the following letter was read from Mr W. J. Doyle B. S.:-

"I visited Neville's place on yesterday, - had the grave opened, and had it thoroughly disinfected with Jeyes Fluid."

The Secretary stated he had notified the Department of Mr Doyle's action in the matter.

On the motion of the Chairman, the action of the Secretary was confirmed."

#### Food & Drugs Act. - Samples.

The following letter under date 27<sup>th</sup> April 1907, was read from the Department:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above mentioned acts, I have to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that the Department in virtue of the powers vested in them under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, recently instructed an officer to proceed to the County of Wexford for the purpose of obtaining samples of butter for analysis. Specimens as indicated hereunder were, in accordance with these directions, procured and duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County, who certifies that they proved to be pure."

| No of Samples | Place where taken |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 2.            | Ferns             |
| 3.            | Newtownbarry      |

Dogs. Act.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture under date 27<sup>th</sup> April '07 (No. 2200-07) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, I am directed by this Department to return herewith the draft Regulations made by your Local Authority under the County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907, at their meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, and to acquaint you that the Department will be prepared to confirm these regulations on being furnished in regard thereto with a certificate that the requirements of the article 2 (2) of the above-mentioned Order have been duly complied with."

The Secretary stated he had issued the notice required under article 2 (1) of the Order, and the requirements under article 2 (2) had been complied with."

Gt. S. & W. Railway & Through Rates.

The following letter under date 29<sup>th</sup> April 1907, was read, from Mr. Wm. Biddoes, for the Gt. S. & W. Rly:-

"With reference to the interview which I had, in your absence to day with your Accountant, Mr. Patrick Donohoe, when I explained the efforts made by my company to arrange through Passenger Fares, via Fishguard & Rosslare new route to and from places on the Dublin & South Eastern Rly in County Wexford, and beyond.

We are anxious to put these into operation as early as possible in time for the coming season's travel, which is expected to be heavy.

I left with Mr. Donohoe copy of our application to the Railway & Canal Commissioners and direct special attention to clauses 4, 9, and page 3 and shall be much obliged if your Council will kindly assist by passing a resolution to the Commissioners, in favour of granting our request, also authorize someone on behalf of our Council to give evidence if necessary in support of same. The case will be heard in Dublin.

It would also assist greatly if copy of such resolution were sent to the public bodies of Wicklow and Dublin Corporation, asking their co-operation and support to same."

"Mr. Donohoe proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded and it was passed:- That we, the Wexford County Council, regard the application of the Gt. Western Rly Co., of England.

to the Railway and Canal Commissioners, respecting through passenger fares over their system from stations on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company's system and vice versa, as being reasonable and an application that should be granted in the interests of the travelling public from this county, subject always to proper provision being made, that the apportionment of the said through fares between the companies concerned should <sup>not</sup> inflict any financial hardship upon the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company.

And that Mr. M. A. Ennis, be appointed the Representative of this Council to give evidence before the Inquiry, by the Railway and Canal Commissioners to be held in the Four Courts, Dublin on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1907.

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Wicklow County Council, the Dublin Corporation, and the Urban Councils of Bray, Wicklow, and Arklow, also to Mr. Wm. Beddoes, English & Irish Representative of the Gt Western Railway Co.,

Mr. A. Balfour's charges against the Co. Council.

Acknowledgements of the Resolution adopted by the Co. Council at the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April upon the subject of Mr. Balfour's speech to the Irish Unionist deputation, were read, from the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. J. E. Redmond, Sir. J. Esmonde, and Mr. Balfour.

### Ballyhack Harbour.

The following letter under date 2<sup>nd</sup> May, was read, from the Secretary, Waterford Harbour Commissioners :-

"With reference to your letters of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by my Commissioners to say that the matter of providing shelter for fishermen's boats is not one for which they have any available funds, and does not seem to fall within the scope of their duties. As regards the Home Office requirements, my Commissioners have been in communication with the Inspector of Factories and still await a reply to the representations which they have put forward on the subject."

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

"That we desire to point out to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners that the Wexford Co. Council had, before they were aware that Ballyhack Harbour was not vested in them, decided to put down a couple of hulks there, for the protection of fishermen's boats - a work which would entail very small expense. That the Waterford Harbour Commissioners be requested to put down these hulks, and so meet the wishes of the Wexford Co. Council and the fishermen."

— Representatives on Courtown Harbour Committee —

Lecters were read from Rev F. E. O'Rourke, and Mr. Alexander Kinsella, thanking the Council for their kindness in asking them to reconsider their resignations as members of the above Committee. They regretted, however, that circumstances compelled them to adhere to their former decision.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted: - "That the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee requesting Messrs Alban Kelly and James Sinnott to be elected members of the Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Rev F. E. O'Rourke and Mr. A. Kinsella, be and is hereby approved."

— New Ross School Attendance Committee —

Mr. J. J. Rochford, Secretary of the New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote under date 30<sup>th</sup> April 1907, drawing the Council's attention to the following circular issued to the clerks of Petty Sessions:-

"It has been decided that fines inflicted under the Irish Education Act 1892, are to be applied as directed by section 13 of the Fines Act 14 & 15 Vic Cap 90. However the magistrates may on the application of the Prosecutor award him one-third of the penalty." and requested the Council to take action on this matter with a view to still getting the whole of the penalties in aid of the Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Howe the following resolution was adopted: - "That we request the magistrates of the County to direct that fines inflicted under the compulsory Education Act of 1892, should, as heretofore, be lodged in relief of local rates. That a

copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Petty Sessions clerks of the county with a request to have it brought to the attention of the justices at Petty Sessions."

### Vinegar Hill Windmill.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> April, the following was read from Mr. John Hearn, Secretary of the Enniscorthy Branch of the National Council:-

"I am directed by my Council to bring before the County Council the very dilapidated state of the old Windmill which surmounts Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy with a view to having same protected from the ravages of time and tourists. As the Windmill forms a landmark of a very historic portion of this County we think it is the bounden duty of the premier public body of the County to take some steps to protect this edifice from further despoilation or possible total collapse."

I should be much obliged if you will kindly lay this matter before next meeting of your Council."

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the communication from Mr. Hearn be referred to Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, to ascertain if the Windmill on Vinegar Hill could be taken over by the County Council as an ancient monument."

### National Convention

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> May, circular letter was read from Mr. Joseph Devlin M.P. of the United Irish League, pointing out that the National Convention of delegates convened by the National Directory of the United Irish League, would be held in the Round Room of the Rotunda, Dublin on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, and asking the County Council to appoint six delegates.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following representatives were appointed:-  
Messrs Mr. A. Ennis, John Sinnott, E. Houe, A. Kinsella, James Codd, and John Bolger.

### Foreign Eggs & Poultry.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> April a communication was read from the office, Irish Producers Ltd. 105 Capel Street, Dublin.

directing the Council's attention to the movement on foot to obtain an Act of Parliament, providing that all foreign eggs and poultry sold in the United Kingdom, should be marked with the country of origin, and asking an expression of opinion from the Council in the form of a resolution."

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

"That our members of Parliament be requested to support any measure introduced into Parliament to provide for the marking of eggs and poultry with the country of their origin."

#### Women's National Health Association for Ireland.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> April, Lady Aberdeen wrote, thanking the Council for their kind and encouraging resolution in support of the newly inaugurated Women's National Health Association of Ireland, and asking if the Council would suggest the names of any ladies to whom she could send circulars with a view of a Local Branch being formed.

#### Fethard Harbour.

Arising out of minutes of last meeting the County Surveyor stated he had received from the Engineer of the Department (Mr. Oliver) rough plans for constructing at this harbour a sheltered channel with about three feet depth at low water and which would probably cost £4,000.

"It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until the annual meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> and that Rev M. Kinsella C.C. Ballyfar, and Rev R. M. Kellett, Rector, Fethard be so informed."

#### Erection of Telephone Poles.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Browne, permission was given to Mr. John Bolger, Jerns, for the erection along the public road of telephone poles from his place of business to the Railway Station, subject to removal on demand, and erection to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Kilkenny - Consumptive Resolution

The following resolution received for adoption from Kilkenny Corporation, had been postponed from last meeting:-

"That we recognise the pressing necessity of combatting the spread of consumption and are willing to join any public bodies of this county or adjacent counties such as Waterford, Wexford, etc., to provide a sanatorium for persons in the incipient and more advanced stages of this disease, and are willing to make provision in our Poor Rate for a sum not to exceed one penny in the £ for the purpose."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:- That we view with great sympathy the resolution received from Kilkenny Corporation in reference to the establishment of Sanatoria, but that pending action by the Government (as we understand they are about introducing a Bill into Parliament on the subject), we consider it would be unwise for local authorities to take any definite steps at present in this matter."

Stone breaker. Etc.,

The following letter under date 6<sup>th</sup> May '07 was read from Mr. Nicholas Fortune, of Barmoney:-

"Being a Road Contractor and requiring about 600 tons stones from Rahunahoon Quarry, I shall feel deeply grateful if your Council could see their way to hire me a stonebreaker, as owing to the scarcity of labourers, I find it impossible to get the work done in any other way."

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that Mr. Fortune be informed that the County Council are not yet in a position to supply a stonebreaker for his district. They desire some experience in the working of the stonebreaker to be employed at Sara Hill before considering the advisability of purchasing further machines."

The following was read from Mr. P. O'Hill, Ballingarry, Gorey Hon. Secretary Gorey Road Contractors' Association:-

"I am directed by the Gorey Road Contractors to forward the enclosed Resolutions to you in the hope that

you may be able to put them before your Council at their next meeting, and I am to express the hope that your Council will be good enough to adopt them.

Personally I don't care a straw either way, for I believe the roads or the road question will never be any better so long as the District Councils are prepared to accept any man or any class of man, provided he is under his neighbour's price, never giving a thought as to whether he will ever raise a shovel or not, on a road.

1. - "That we request the Co. Council or the District Council to provide mechanical stonebreakers and hire them out to contractors, or else have the stones broken themselves and sell them to the contractors at a reasonable price, as we are convinced that by these means the roads can be done much easier."

2. - "That we respectfully request the County Council to allow credit to contractors for amount of stones which may be found on roads on 1<sup>st</sup> September in an unbroken state, when such amounts are broken by middle of November, as the time is passed now when contractors can plead ignorance, as we have to admit that contractors have no means of escaping from their lawful liabilities, having entered into their contracts with their eyes open and in possession of all information."

3. - "That we ask no leniency or concession from this day forward for contractors who are entering contracts now or in <sup>the</sup> future, or for such men as have made contracts within the last two years, say April 1905, as we see that things are going from bad to worse, and we are convinced that the only means at the disposal of the authorities to have good roads is to compel men who take contracts (and admit they know nothing about what they are doing) at impossible prices to keep those contracts to the letter."

In connection with the first proposal the following resolution was adopted: - "The Hon Sec of the Gorey Road Contractors' Association to be informed that the Co. Council are making a start with their stonebreaking operations at Tara Hill quarry but they must wait to see the result of operations there before they enter more largely into this work."

"Regarding the second proposal the following resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted: - "The Co. Council

cannot see their way to depart from their existing regulations. They are glad to observe that the Gorey Road Contractors Association acknowledge there is now no way to escape from their legal liabilities, and trust they will save the Council trouble in the future by carrying them out."

In connection with the third proposal the following was adopted on the motion of the Chairman "That the County Council agree with this resolution."

#### Gaelic League & Gorey Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger:-

"That we the County Council of Wexford request the High Sheriff to grant to the Gorey branch of the Gaelic League, the use of a room in the Court-House, for their meetings."

#### Mistake in Road Contract.

Mr. Webster County Surveyor, called the attention of the Council to the fact the James Bolger, Rahenaskagh, Oulart; Contractor for Road No. 4<sup>a</sup> in Gorey Rural District had mentioned to him that the number of perches on this road was not correct. He (County Surveyor) measured the contract and found that the actual number of perches was 651 while there was only 621 provided for under the contract.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the Co. Council to pay James Bolger, Rahenaskagh, Oulart; the annual sum of £ 33 : 18 : 1, (maintenance of 651 perches at 1/0½ per perch, instead of £ 33 : 6 : 10, as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1907 and to payment of £ 2 : 14 : 8 arrears, from beginning of contract 30<sup>th</sup> June 1905 - to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1907."

#### Pole for Life Boat at Boulduff.

On the motion of the Chairman, permission was granted Mr. W. A. Ryan, D. C., Hon Sec. Bore Life Boat Committee to erect a pole at the end of the new structure at Boulduff Riv, for the use of the Life Boat, subject to

the sanction and approval of the County Surveyor."

Re appointment of High Sheriff