

Statutable Half-yearly meeting - 8th May 1912.

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th May 1912.

Present :- Mr. C. H. Peacocke (Vice-Chmn) presiding.
Other members :- Messrs M. Doyle Jr., John O'Connor, J. Codd, T. L. Esmonde, A. Kinsella, R. A. Rice, P. O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, J. Lynch, P. J. Fanning, P. Rossiter, M. Cloney, T. Asple, M. Doyle Sr., M. Codd, J. J. Mayler, David Sinnott, J. A. Doyle.

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

Confirmation of minutes

minutes of meetings of 11th and 17th April, were read and confirmed.

Government of Ireland Bill.

Mr. A. Kinsella, on behalf of the Chairman moved the following, of which Mr. Bolger had given previous notice :-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Co. Council heartily congratulate Mr. John Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party on their great achievement in bringing the Home Rule Bill to its present satisfactory position, and we earnestly hope no obstacle will be placed in the way of its passing into law in the near future when it is sure to bring to Ireland peace, prosperity, and contentment."

The Chairman (Mr Peacocke) seconded.

Passed.

Discharging Boats at Courtown.

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

"That the request made by Mr. John J. Redmond as to hiring of boats at Courtown Harbour be reconsidered."

Mr. Fanning seconded.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the correspondence in connection with the matter which appeared on the minutes of last meeting, the following letter, under date 5th May 1912, was read from Mr. Redmond:-

"I understand there is a motion to have my application re "signature for use of boats," reconsidered at the next meeting of your Council. In the event of that body granting this small request, I wish to repeat that I accept full responsibility for boats on the signature of my assistant."

Mr. Kinsella proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded. That Mr. Redmond's application be acceded to."

Mr. Elger, Solicitor, objected to its acceptance.

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Asple seconded :-
"That in accordance with our Solicitor's advice we refuse to entertain Mr. Redmond's request."

This was taken as an amendment and passed.

Resignation of Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor.

Under date 15th April 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor, Bridgetown:-

"Will you please convey my thanks to Mr. Peacocke and your Chairman, and the other members of the Council for their kind references to me but I regret that I am unable to comply with their wishes and I will feel much obliged if they will kindly accept my resignation and co-opt a member in my place as soon as convenient. The division I represent is a rather important one and it is better to have someone in the Council to look after its interests.

With many kind regards to yourself and the other members of the Council."

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, and passed:-

"That we accept with sincere regret the resignation of Mr. Michael Browne, as County Councillor, and express our sympathy with him in the circumstances which have occasioned it. We desire to acknowledge our appreciation of his great services to the Council since its inception. That the office of County Councillor for Bridgetown County District be and is hereby declared vacant by the signature of the Chairman and two members of the Council, and we hereby instruct our Secretary to publish the existence of said vacancy in "The People's Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers and that said vacancy be filled at the annual meeting of the Council in June."

application for Increase of Salary.

Mr. Paddy, Assistant Surveyor.

I respectfully beg to make application to you for an increase to my present salary, which I find is insufficient and for the following reasons, viz:-

Increased cost of living; increased mileage of the district, owing to a number of lanes being put under contract; increased number of special inspections; visiting and measuring material almost fortnightly at Shiebaun quarry.

In some of the adjoining counties, the Assistant Surveyors (even those appointed by the Co. Council) have a salary of £130 per annum, District mileage, 300, while the mileage of Gorey district is close on 400 miles.

I might also state that since you appointed me Assistant Surveyor to the Gorey District. I have left no stone unturned in seeking out the best quarries and all other means with the view of improving the roads in the district.

and I confidently believe that I have greatly improved the condition of the roads, and that they can compare favourably with the roads of other counties similarly situated.

Trusting you will give my application favourable consideration."

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Cloney, the recommendation of the Finance Committee, marking Mr. Paddy's application 'Read' was confirmed.

Application for Increase of Salary. Mr. Gower
R. B. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferryarrig Dr.

Under date 16th April 1912, the following

letter was read from Mr. Gower B. R. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferrycarrig Bridge:-

"Sometime ago I made an application for an increase of salary, and was duly notified that the Finance Committee could not see their way to recommend it.

may I ask you to give further consideration to that part of my letter which refers to the extra work in connection with the approaches and abutments with a view to granting me a lump sum as a fee.

The work included:-

5 Original Drawings.

about 20 copies of the above.

5 Bills of Quantities.

Numerous Reports and Sketches.

This work would not have been undertaken by an outside Engineer for less than about 25 guineas, (excluding supervision), and, as it was in no way part of my duties as Resident Engineer, and was, moreover, done after ordinary working hours, I feel that my request is a reasonable one, and I trust that you will give it your favourable consideration."

Mr. Bloney proposed, Mr. M. Doyle Senr. seconded:-

"That Mr. Pimm's application for a lump sum for work carried out at Ferrycarrig Bridge be not acceded to."

Passed.

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 26th April 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour:-

"I understand that the skipper of the

dredger got a wire on yesterday evening to proceed to Balbriggan. In any case he is not here to-day and the fishermen are highly indignant over the matter as she was just commencing to do some good, and they were hoping that she would have a passage cut through the drift in a few days so that they could get to sea, but now they are greatly downhearted over her leaving."

under date 1st May 1912, the following letter was read from Rev J. E. O'Rourke, C. C., Riverchapel:-

"as of course you are aware the dredger came here to work on the Friday after the last meeting of the Co. Council. I believe she did good work whilst she was at it but I must tell you there is a great deal of feeling aroused at her being removed before a channel was opened up to the pierhead. Until this is done all the dredging done outside is useless to the fishermen. As long as there is a bar at the pierhead the boats cannot get in and out satisfactorily, in fact, without danger of shipwreck in many cases. The dredger only arrived here on the day she was working at nine in the morning and left before five. This left only a very short time for actual work. As she has not been here for about a week, the channel she has made is again fairly well filled up. Had she kept on till she reached the pier, the sluicing would probably have kept the channel open. Is there any chance of the work being done in a way that would be likely to be more effective? It appears to me there is no proper supervision in the matter. When the neap tides will be on in a few days, fishing will again be suspended. This will be a great pity and a great loss

as the bay is full of fish."

under date 30th April 1912, the following letter No. 3613/12. J. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, and to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the engagements of the dredger rendered it necessary that the vessel should leave Courtown on the 25th instant.

In the opinion of the Department's Engineer, it is desirable that a survey showing present conditions should be made before incurring further expenditure on dredging. This survey will be undertaken at once, and it is hoped that the dredger will shortly resume work at Courtown."

under date 27th April 1912, the following letter was read from Sir Thomas Esmonde Bt, M. P.:-

"I have your letter with the Council's resolutions concerning the Extra Police Quarters and Courtown Harbour.

With reference to the former, I shall attend to the matter at once.

With reference to Courtown Harbour, I would wish in the first place to express my personal thanks to the Council for the kindly reception they have given the suggestion to extend the pier - the only plan in my opinion, likely to be of any real advantage - and to say that it will give me the greatest possible pleasure to attend the Council whenever the question is finally discussed.

I am in a difficulty just now in the matter of suggesting a date as I have promised to attend a number of meetings in England in

this month and in the next, and the second reading of the Home Rule Bill is not yet fixed. as soon however, as I possibly can I will communicate with you with a view to fixing a date that will suit the Council's convenience, and meanwhile I will apply to the Chief Secretary for the Board of Works' plans which are essential to our further consideration of the problem."

Mr. O'Neill proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be informed that the Co. Council are of opinion that the recent dredging at Courtown was practically useless owing to the short stay of the dredger."

"That a copy of the letter of Rev J. E. O'Rourke B. C., Riverchapel, be sent to the Department so that they may see for themselves the condition of affairs at Courtown."

"That we consider that the Co. Surveyor should have some control or supervision over the work of the dredger in view of the letter of Father O'Rourke, and of the facts that have been brought to the knowledge of the Council."

Proposed Pier at Blackwater.

Under date 18th April 1912, the following copy of a Parliamentary question relative to the above was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

Q- Sir Thomas Esmonde:- "To ask the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture (Ireland) if he is aware that some six months ago the Wexford Co. Council decided to contribute £1,000 towards the construction of a Pier at Blackwater, and whether

"the Department will now consider the
"question of proceeding with the work."
(7th march 1912)

A:- Mr J. W. Russell:- "The offer of the Wexford
"Co. Council to provide £1,000 towards
"the construction of a fishing harbour
"at Blackwater, County Wexford, was
"conditional on £2,000 being forthcoming
"from the Development Commissioners.
"It has not been found possible to
"fulfil this condition. The Depart-
"ment cannot, in view of the state of
"their funds and of the many claims
"thereon, entertain the question of
"contributing £2,000 towards the cost
"of constructing a Harbour at Black-
"water. They are, however, prepared
"to consider the question of erecting
"an open landing-stage and of
"providing half the cost thereof
"within a limit of £350."
(7th march 1912)

Proposed by Mr J. L. Esmonde, seconded by
Mr John O'Connor, and passed :-

"That the Department of Agriculture &
Technical Instruction be requested to furnish
plan of landing stage for Blackwater to the
County Surveyor, and that Mr Barry bring
the matter to the attention of the first
available meeting of the County Council."

— maintenance of Drains in Gorey Town. —

Under date 1st May 1912, the following letter
No. 20437/1912, was read from the Local Govern-
ment Board :-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes

of proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 17th ultimo, relative to the maintenance of drains in Gorey Town, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that this matter appears to be one on which Council's opinion should be obtained, and in preparing the case for submission to Council, the County Solicitor might obtain the assistance of the County Surveyor.

I am to point out that the definition of the term "sewer" in Section 2 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1898 would seem to have an important bearing on the point, and possibly the provisions of Section 17 of that Act may also affect the question.

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

"That the matter be referred to Mr. Elger, to take whatever steps he considers necessary."

Rate Collectors Bonds.

Under date 17th April 1912, letter No. 18289, was read from the Local Government Board, approving of the bond of Mr. M. J. Shuchan, Poor Rate Collector.

marked "Read."

Under date 26th April 1912, letter No. 21091, was read from the Local Government Board, approving of the bond of Mr. M. J. Walsh, Poor Rate Collector.

marked "Read."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, renewals of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act were granted to the following :-

James Simmott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.

John. S. Hearn, Baunجامes, New Ross.
 Edward Brennan, Taghmon.
 Alexander Kinseella, Greay.
 Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross.
 Pierce Barron, Enniscorthy.
 John Roche, Camolin.
 J. Donohoe Esq Enniscorthy.
 George Stafford, John St. Wisford
 Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.
 Matthew Harpur, Main St, Wisford.
 John Lambert, Enniscorthy.
 John J. Lurcell, Broadway.

Works. & Payments.

On the motion of Mr. P. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the several proposals for new works, as submitted from the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of the County, be adopted, subject to modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

On the motion of Mr. P. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the several proposals for payment from the Proposal Committee, and the several Rural District Councils of the County, be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Roads.

In reference to orders for roads passed at Rural District Councils, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Apple, seconded

by the chairman:-

"That the contract for Road No. 199 Enniscorthy be cancelled, and that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor."

Deeps Bridge.

under date 6th May 1912, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On Saturday, the 4th instant, I made a thorough inspection of this Bridge, and found it in a most defective condition.

The masonry abutment on the West side has slipped forward on its foundation with the result that the opening span is materially affected, the two leaves being raised at the meeting sills causing a dangerous hump.

In several places the roadway has sunk showing the bad condition of the timbers below.

The iron girders supporting the roadway are all badly weathered, the lower flanges having all but completely rotted away. Almost the entire of the timber work is rotten; the joints of the various members are in many cases open and in some cases completely rotted away.

The whole Bridge is gone completely out of line and level and in my opinion is dangerous.

I consider this matter so serious that it will be necessary, in order to safeguard the Co. Council, to take immediate steps to have the Bridge closed or at least in consultation with your Solicitor to have a notice warning the public posted at the Bridge.

I respectfully suggest that a committee of your Council be appointed to meet me at

the Bridge and go fully into the detail of its present condition with a view to its immediate reconstruction or rebuilding as may be decided."

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

"That Messrs Keacocke, Asple, Rossiter, Jas A. Doyle, and R. A. Rice; with Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor be appointed a committee to inspect this bridge and report to the Co. Council.

That the committee meet on 10th May at 1.30 p.m., and be empowered to have the bridge closed if they consider it necessary and to fix date for special meeting of the Co. Council to consider their report."

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 1st May 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. Aidan Leary, Rahenaskia, Oulart :-

"Should your Council be so good as to re-appoint me Inspector in connection with the Sheep Dipping Act for Gorey District, I respectfully request that they grant an increase of salary as the period this year has been extended by fifteen days. I am not stating the amount of increase, but am leaving it in the hands of your Council and trust the members of your Council will recognise that my application is reasonable."

The Chairman proposed :- "That we reappoint Messrs Egan, Stafford, Leary, and MacDonald, Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1912 Dipping periods."

Mr. Sinnott proposed as an amendment :-

"That no Sheep Dipping Inspectors be appointed."

Mr. M. Doyle Junr., seconded.

A. Poll was taken with the following result :-

For the amendment :- Messrs M. Doyle, Jr.,

Janning, Rossiter, Asple, M. Doyle Sr., M. Codd,

Mayler, Sinnott, J. A. Doyle... 9.

Against :- Messrs J. Codd, Rice, Kinsella, Lynch
Blony, and the Chairman... 6.

The Chairman then put the amendment
as a substantive motion and declared it
carried.

Loose Stones on Roads.

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

"That the contractors be called on to pick
off all loose stones on roads as soon as
possible."

Leave of absence for County Surveyor.

On the motion of the Chairman :- "Mr. Barry,
County Surveyor, was given leave of absence for
five days to attend the annual inspection
of Roads in County Monaghan."

University Scholarships.

Under date 12th April 1912, a letter was read
from the President of University College,
Dublin; stating that arrangements were
being made to hold an examination for
County Scholarships similar to the one held
last year, and enclosing a statement of the
general arrangements in respect of the
examination. He wished to be informed

if the Council desired to award their scholarships on this examination.

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the Co. Council do not take advantage of the special Examination."

Under date 20th April 1912, a letter was read from Daisy C. Earl, The Square, Ennisorthy; asking if she would be eligible for a scholarship offered in 1912. She would be 19 years on 6th May 1912.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- That Miss Earl be informed that the date for calculation of age is to be the date of examination as is the ordinary procedure.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Byrne Ballycall, Gorey; asking that, in the case of his daughter, the matriculation marks be accepted for the award of a scholarship. The scheme had not been published in time to allow of his daughter entering for the Intermediate Examinations.

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Secretary communicate with Professor Conway of the National University and ascertain from him what would be the expense of having Miss Byrne examined at the special examination to be held at the Dublin Centre."

Confirmation of minutes of Finance Committee.

"On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by

the chairman, the minutes of Finance Committee held on 5th May 1912, were confirmed."

Suretyship of Road No. 168 - Gorey.

Under date 24th April 1912, Mr. John Parle, Toburloonia, Blackwater, one of the sureties of above road, wrote, that this contract was now divided. He had signed for 609 perches and there were 200 perches taken off. Therefore he thought the bond must be broken. He asked to be relieved of the suretyship as it would be a terrible hardship on him to have to look after the road.

A letter in similar strain was read from Mr. Walter Dooly, Gurraun, Blackwater, the other surety of the road.

"On the motion of the chairman, the matter was referred to Mr. Elgie."

Stamrolling the Wexford to Castlebridge Road.

The following resolution adopted at the half yearly adjourned meeting of the Wexford District Council was read:-

"That, having considered the Co. Surveyor's report on the subject, we recommend the Co. Council to stam-roll by way of experiment selected portions of the road leading from Wexford to Castlebridge, as suggested by the County Surveyor at this meeting.
marked "Read"

Gravel Pit at Ballynaas.

Under date 27th April 1912, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Wexford:-

"Our client, Mr. Patrick Esmonde, of Ballynaas, has instructed us to write to you with reference to the gravel pit on his lands at Ballynaas which supplies 10 or 11 contractors with material for their roads. He informs us that his lands have been greatly damaged owing to the constant taking of gravel. A couple of acres are practically useless, as the contractors, when they take away the gravel, do not replace the earth; besides, when they want to go to the pit, the contractors have to go through his street and avenue, which of course is a great inconvenience to him, and he has to be constantly working at the avenue to keep it in repair. The price our client intends to ask with the Council's permission is 6^d per cubic yard of the contract. This would prevent any contractor from having any claim upon the material in the quarry, after the completion of his contract. Our client would be glad to show the pit and the condition of the lands to anybody whom the Co. Council might wish to send down. He is sure that if a committee from the Co. Council saw the lands and the pit, they would have no hesitation whatever in saying that the price he is asking is very reasonable."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

The Teaching of Irish.

The following resolution received from the Limerick Borough Council, was read:-

"That the Irish Language be taught to every child attending a primary school in Ireland,

from the first day the child goes to school, except the parents of the child object.

That in the Irish speaking districts every subject, secular and religious, in the school curriculum be taught through the medium of Irish.

That in the districts that cannot now be called Irish speaking, as much as possible of the teaching, both secular and religious, be done through the Irish language.

That we call on the authorities that control the programmes of the Training Colleges to make the Irish language, without further delay, an essential subject in the training of teachers, and in and after the year 1914 to give no teacher's certificate to any candidate for the position of teacher in the primary schools who is not fully qualified to teach Irish.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Women's National Health Association

Under date 4th May 1912, a letter was read from the Women's National Health Association asking to have a delegate appointed to attend a conference to be held in Dublin on 23rd and 24th May in connection with the scheme for the suppression of Tuberculosis about to be inaugurated under the Insurance Act.

"The Chairman (Mr. B. H. Peacocke) was appointed delegate to the conference."

Insurance Act.

Under date 24th April 1912, the following letter was read from the National Health

Insurance Commission:-

"I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to inform you that they propose to appoint Insurance Committees under Section 59 sub-section (1) and section 81 sub-section (5) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Under clause (6) of the subsection referred to eight members (of whom one at least shall be a member of a local sanitary authority and at least two shall be women) shall be appointed by the Co. Council or County Borough.

Where the Council agrees to defray any part of the cost of sanatorium benefit under subsection (4) of Section 81, the Commissioners may increase the membership of the Co. Council or County Borough or the County Committee.

I am, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to submit this question to the next meeting of your Council and forward for the information of the Insurance Commissioners the names of the members appointed by the Co. Council or County Borough to represent it on the Insurance Committee.

Should the Council decide to exercise its powers under Part II of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act 1908, the fact should be stated on the memorandum attached hereto and the names of two additional members should be forwarded for the consideration of the Commission."

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Goggin, representative of the Britannic Assurance Co., for appointment as member of the Insurance Committee.

On the motion of the chairman, the following were appointed to represent the Council on the Insurance Committee:-

"Messrs M. Doyle, Senr., P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, Sir Thomas Comonde, Bart., Lady Maurice Fitzguala, Mrs Boyan, Patrick O'Neill, and the Mayor of Wexford for the time being."

"That as representatives of insured interests are to be appointed by the Insurance Commissioners, we advise Mr. Goggin to address his request to them."

Correspondence was read from the National Health Insurance Commissioners, with reference to the establishment of a bounty society and, in a letter under date 25th April, they pointed out that they were not prepared to approve of any society in which the proportion of Council members was greater than one-fourth of the total number of members of the Committee of management. They also suggested the adoption of various rules for inclusion in the bounty scheme, viz: dealing with statements for membership which were false and material for the Society to know in considering applications for membership, and the behaviour of members during disease or disablement.

Circular letter with regard to the fund for general administration of the Society was also read.

"Agreed to on the motion of the chairman."

meetings of committees.

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

"That in future meetings of the Finance

and Roads committees to be held monthly, on the last Wednesday of each month at 10 o'clock, a.m."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 7th May, 1912, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"In conformity with your directions, I visited Ferryarrig and made a thorough examination of the Piles on the 17th April ult.

The piles have not been driven truly vertical, and this somewhat detracts from the appearance. However, since the timbering has been removed, the faulty appearance is not so marked.

Regarding the strength, which of course is the important point, I have had a full calculation worked out.

I find that the margin of strength taking an extreme case (which does not happen here) of unsupported length of pile 6 inches out of vertical in 24 feet length, is well within the requirements; the calculated stresses are below those allowed by the Joint Committee on Reinforced Concrete.

Further, I communicated with Mr. Burden Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny, who is in charge of the new Waterford Bridge, and I hear from him that it is very difficult to drive truly vertical; in Waterford many of the piles are out of vertical but do not show as they are cased with cylinders.

Under these circumstances, I am satisfied that the variation from the vertical in the piles is not of consequence, but you must understand that the whole Bridge after

completion must be tested as set out in the specification."

"The report of the bounty surveyor was regarded as satisfactory."

Extra Police.

Under date 27th April 1912, the constabulary authorities forwarded a claim for payment of £2534 : 4 : 9, for extra police for the half year ended 31st March 1912. This, with the account of the previous claim - £313 : 19 : 1, - made a total of £2848 : 3 : 10.

Under date 6th May 1912, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M. P., wrote, forwarding the following copy of a letter he had received from Mr. Birrell :-

"With reference to the letter signed by you and Mr. French of the 29th April, enclosing a resolution of the Wexford Co. Council referring to the cost of the extra police drafted into the town of Wexford in connection with the recent trade dispute, I am sorry to have to say that I cannot see what good could possibly come from my receiving a Deputation from the Council to discuss the whole matter.

Unless the Treasury were to assume the burden, I cannot see that anything can be done but to adhere to the decision already arrived at in placing the cost on the county-at-large.

There is no possibility of the Treasury assuming this burden. I am very sorry that the rates should have been increased in this way."

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded

by the chairman, the following recommendation of the Proposal Committee was adopted:-

"That as we have requested our Parliamentary Representatives to obtain from the Irish Government the reasons which influenced them to select the county at large as the area of charge for Extra Constabulary, notwithstanding the fact that all the Ratepayers of the county (with the exception of those residing in the Urban District of Wexford) had no concern whatever with the Labour Dispute in Wexford and were opposed to its initiation and continuance, we postpone the consideration of the account received from the Constabulary authorities until we have heard from our members of Parliament on the point raised by the Co. Council.

That we inform Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bt., M.P., that the letter from the Chief Secretary is no reply to the request of the Council."

Foreign Hay & Straw Order.

Under date 10th April 1912, a memo was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarding a copy of the Foreign Hay and Straw (Ireland) Order of 1912.

marked "Read"

Finance of Government of Ireland Bill.

Under date 26th April 1912, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, forwarding reports of the Standing Committee on Legislation on National Finance, and on

the financial provisions of the Home Rule Bill, 1912."

"No action was taken."

Local Vaccination account.

under date 30th April 1912, schedule was read from the Local Government Board, showing the amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer contribution to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers' Act charged on the under-mentioned Rural Districts :-

<u>Rural District</u>	<u>amount.</u>
Enniscorthy	£506 : 9 : 0
Gorey	279 : 15 : 7
New Ross	302 : 14 : 8
Wexford	908 : 18 : 0

marked "Read"

Rocket apparatus at Kilmore.

an application was read from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution under date 4th April 1912, asking the Council's permission for the erection at Kilmore of a new post for the Rocket Distress Signals at the end of the pier, the present post being in an unsound condition.

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

"That permission be granted for the erection of a Rocket Signalling apparatus at Kilmore Pier on behalf of the Royal National Life Boat Institution provided the Co. Council

are not to be held liable for its maintenance
or for any damage that may occur to it."

"That the erection of the apparatus be
carried out to the satisfaction of the Co.
Surveyor."

John Bolger
