

Meeting. 8th November 1912.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held, in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 8th November 1912.

Present:— Mr John Bolger (Chairman) and subsequently, Mr C. H. Peacocke (Vice-Chairman) presided; Other members:—

Lord Stafford, Messrs J. J. Stafford, P. O'Hall, R. A. Rice, J. L. Esmonde, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, M. Cloney, J. J. Mayler, Mark Codd, M. Gough, M. Doyle senr, J. A. Doyle, A. Kinsella, P. Rossiter, J. O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr, D. Snioth, James Codd and J. Asple.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Dr Browne of the Local Government Board, and Dr. O'Donoghue of the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The late Mr Hickey.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That we offer to our respected colleague, Mr M. Hickey, the expression of our sincere regret at the loss sustained, by him, through the demise of his dear wife."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Hickey.

The Late Mr Michael Browne

Under date 16th October 1912, the following letter, was read from Mr Browne, Bridgetown:—

"I am deeply grateful for your kind letter, and to the Co. Council, for the kind

Resolution of Sympathy, passed at their meeting last week.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle Senr, Seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That a copy of Mrs Browne's letter, be inserted on the minutes."

Election of Rate collector for No 17 District

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Michael J. Walsh. Rate Collector for No 17 collection District.

When the matter, was before the Finance and Roads Committee, at their meeting on 30th October, the Secretary was directed, to issue an advertisement, to fill the position, at this meeting of the Co. Council, the Chairman stating that he would report, to the Council, that it was necessary in view, of having the collection proceeded with without delay, that the appointments should be made at once.

"On the motion of Mr Fanning."
"Seconded by Mr Rice."

"The action of the Finance and Roads Committee, in taking steps, to have the vacancy, filled was approved."

The following Candidates, applied for the position:—

Edward J. Murphy, May St. New Ross.
Patrick Dunphy, North St. New Ross.
Henry J. Williams, Mount Elliott New Ross.
Daniel Kelly, Knocken House, Graigue Kobarlou.
W. G. Smith, North Street, New Ross.
Owen Bloney, Forrestalstown, Blonroche.
Edward Norton, Victoria Villa, New Ross.

The following Candidates were present:—

Messrs Murphy, Williams, Dunphy, Bloney & Smith

Mr Williams objected to Messrs Murphy, Dunphy, and Smith, and Mr Smith objected to Mr Williams himself, as not being qualified under Article 8 of the County Poor Rate Collectors Order of 17th April 1909.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Asple, it was agreed, that a poll be taken, between the candidates, who were in attendance."

A Poll was taken, with the following results:—
 For Murphy:—Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle, St. Gough, Stafford, O'Neill, Peacocke, Fanning, Lynch, Rossiter, M. Doyle senr. Sinnott, and the Chairman. 12.
 For Williams:—Messrs Rice, Kinsella, Lord Gopford, Esmonde, Mayler, J. A. Doyle and Asple. 7.
 For Bloney:—Messrs James Bodd, Bloney & M. Bodd.

Mr Murphy, having a clear majority, of those present, and voting, was declared elected by the Chairman.

Mr Murphy suitably returned thanks.

Death of Collector Alexander Barron

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Alexander Barron, Rate collector for no 18 Collection District.

The Secretary, was directed to issue the usual advertisement, to fill the vacancy, caused by the death of Mr Barron, appointment to be made on 6th December 1912.

Fowl Market at Ferns

The Chairman moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:—

"That the Wexford County Council, adopt by-law, fixing the hour, for opening the Fowl market, at Ferns at 8.30 a.m.

Mr Lynch. Seconded. "Passed

It was decided at the suggestion of Mr Elgee, that the following be added to the motion:—

"And that the by-law when prepared be sealed on behalf of the Council"

Deputy Checker Rate Collectors Accounts:—
EnnisCorthy District

Mr D. McDonald wrote resigning his position as deputy checker of the accounts of the Rate Collectors, in EnnisCorthy District.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was laid before the meeting:—

"That the question of the appointment of checker of the Rate Collectors Accounts, in the EnnisCorthy District, be referred to the meeting of the Council on the 8th November.

That a sum of £15 be recommended as remuneration, for incoming officer, provided this amount, and the sum to be paid to Mr McDonald, does not exceed 5/- per 100 ratings for the half year.

That we further recommend a sum of £30 per annum, to be paid for the work, of checking the Rate collector accounts, in this District, for the future.

"That Mr McDonald, be instructed to continue in office, until his successor is appointed"

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion, of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Doyle Esq, the appointment to be made on the 6th December."

The Secretary was directed to advertise the position, on the terms of the recommendation, of the Finance & Roads Committee"

Date of Half yearly meeting.
on the motion of the Chairman

seconded by Mr Peacocke the date of the half yearly meeting of the Council, was fixed for the 6th Dec. 1912.

Insurance Act. - Scheme of Sanatorium Benefit.

Under date 31st October the following letter no 53,171. was read from the Local Government Board: -

"Adverting to the entry, in the Minutes, of proceedings, of the Wexford County Council, on the 9th inst relative to the postponement, by the Council, of the consideration, of a scheme, for the treatment of persons in the County, suffering from Tuberculosis, I am directed by the Local Government Board, for Ireland, to request that the County Council will deal with the matter, at an early date, having regard to the importance, of the speedy introduction, of facilities, for the administration, of Sanatorium benefits, to insured persons.

In particular, the Board would urge the Council, to proceed to elect a Medical Superintendent, of the County Tuberculosis Dispensary, in order that arrangements, for the organization, of the Dispensary system, may be decided on, with his assistance and guidance "

Under date 23rd October, the following Circular letter No. 95 M. 1912, Miscellaneous, was read from the Insurance Commissioners: -

"The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have under consideration at present the question of the arrangements, which may be made, by the Insurance Committees in Ireland, for the administration, of Sanatorium benefit, in accordance with the provisions, of the National Insurance Act 1911, and, in connection, with this matter, the Commission would be grateful, if you would be so good, as to inform them, whether your County Council, have prepared

Any scheme, for the treatment, of tuberculosis, in pursuance of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Should your Council, have not as yet, drawn up, a scheme, for dealing with tuberculosis in the County, the Commission, on learning of the date, of the next meeting, of the Council, would be pleased, to instruct one of their Medical Inspectors, to attend the meeting, and lay before the Council, a model scheme, on which a suitable permanent scheme, for the treatment, of the disease, might be based.

The Commission recognize, of course, that the preparation, of such a scheme, is a matter, altogether, outside their province, but they are most anxious, to give every possible assistance, to County Councils in this matter. And they trust, that your Council, will not regard, their action, in any other light.

The Commission desire, to add, that the attendance of their Medical Inspector, would be, with the concurrence of the Local Government Board."

Under date, 31st October, the following letter, no. 14,134, was read from the Insurance Commissioners:—

"Adverting to the resolution, of the County of Wexford Insurance Committee at their meeting on the 23rd inst, requesting that Dr O'Donoghue, the Commissioners' Medical Officer, should attend the next meeting, of the Wexford County Council, in connection, with the scheme, for the treatment of tuberculous persons in the County, I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to state, that the Commissioners, will be glad, to direct Dr O'Donoghue to attend, if the request, to that effect, is received, from the Secretary of the County Council."

The following scheme, prepared by Dr O'Donoghue of the Insurance Commissioners Staff, was laid before the meeting:—

County Wexford Permanent Scheme.

Population of the County Wexford 102, 273;
 Estimated number of insured persons—1.5th;
 20,455; Deaths from Tuberculosis in 1910,
 206 estimated Cases of Tuberculosis; 1,648
 estimated Tuberculosis insured persons and dependants;
 1,098 estimated Tuberculosis insured persons;
 One-third 549; Valuation £391,693. 19.
 1d in £ on valuation £1.632;—Capital grant £2,802

Under Part II of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, a County Council may, if they think fit, establish hospitals and dispensaries for the purpose of treating inhabitants of the County suffering from tuberculosis. Towards the capital cost of buildings etc., a grant will be available from public sources.

Under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, the Insurance Committee may extend sanatorium benefit to the dependents of insured persons, and may pay the additional cost out of the funds, at their disposal, if they are sufficient to pay for the cost, out of the funds at their disposal, if they are sufficient to pay for the cost of the treatment of this class in addition, to the insured persons. If however, it is estimated that a deficiency will arise half the deficit may be borne by the Treasury, and half by the County Council. The Chancellor of the Exchequer also promised to defray half the cost of treating persons who are neither insured persons, nor the dependents of insured persons. Such treatment may be (a) In a Sanatorium; (b) In an hospital; County Infirmary; or cottage

hospital; (C) in an institution or home for advanced cases; (d) in the tuberculosis dispensary, and in the patient's home.

It must be clearly understood that more than half the cases, will receive treatment, either in the tuberculosis dispensary, or in their own homes. Many cases will be entitled to treatment under the Medical Charities Act, by the Dispensary Medical Officers. Others will be able to contribute something towards the cost of their treatment; and some will be able to defray the entire cost.

Maintenance and other charges.

1 Tuberculosis Officers Salary and travelling expenses.	£ 500.
1 Principal Nurse.	100.
Contributions to 4 district nurses (£20)	80
Rent of Dispensary, Drugs etc.	80.
20 Beds in Sanatorium @ £52 will treat 80 Patients.	1040
8 Beds in General Hospital, will treat about 200 patients (£100)	100
Total	£ 1900.

leaving available the sum of £932. for domiciliary treatment, treatment of advanced cases, in special institutions, the provision of shelters and travelling expenses of patients, or the provision of additional beds, in a Sanatorium. £ 1010. Total. £ 2910.

Finance of Scheme.

Contributions from Insurance Committee.	£ 1278
Balance will be met, in equal parts by Treasury and County Council.	
Treasury	£ 816
Co. Council	816
	£ 1632
	£ 2910

Mr Thomas McCarthy, Treasurer of Irish National Trade & Labour Benefit Society, forwarded the following resolution, adopted at a meeting of the Executive Council on October 21st: —

" That we call on the County Council to forthwith adopt the Sanatorium Scheme placed before them, and thus ensure, for insured persons, and their dependants in this County, suffering from, or threatened with tuberculosis, the treatment, to which they are entitled since 15th July last. We beg to point out, that our Society will contribute annually, over £650 to this fund, and we consider it the duty of the Council, to make proper provision for Sanatorium benefit under the Insurance Act, as we understand, the County Insurance Committee, has already received applications for Sanatorium treatment "

Mr M. Doyle Dr. proposed, :- " That the Scheme be rejected. Mr Rossiter seconded.

Dr. Browne of the Local Government Board, and Dr O'Donoghue, of the Insurance Commission, discussed with the members the Scheme, in all its details, the former pointing out, that unless the County Council agreed to some scheme, they ran the risk, of losing the grant for capital expenditure.

As an amendment, Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Fanning seconded: —

" That having considered the Scheme submitted by the Wexford County Insurance Committee for adoption by this Council, we desire to state that we have not sufficient experience, or data, to enable us to adopt this scheme, in its entirety, but we agree, that the following portion, of it, should be made effective: —

To appoint a Tuberculosis Officer at a salary of £400 per annum, and travelling expenses.
£100 per annum. = £500

Salary and expenses of one principal nurse.	£ 100
Contribution for part-time services of four District nurses @ £ 20 each	80
Rent for Dispensaries, Drugs etc.	80
	£ 76 0

We further desire to point out, that when a Chief Tuberculosis Officer, specially trained in the administration of Tuberculosis treatment, has been appointed, this Council will be ready to confer with him, in reference to Dispensary, Domiciliary, and Sanatorium treatment, as well as in reference to the treatment of advanced cases in Special institutions.

As we are of opinion that the estimated revenue of the County Insurance Committee, viz:—£ 1278, should prove ample to meet the demands of Tuberculosis patients, in this County, we adopt the above scheme on consideration, that it is entirely financed by funds from the Insurance Committee.

A poll was taken with the following Result:—
 For the amendment:—Messrs Gough, Kinsella, Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, Sinnott and the Chairman:— 7
 Against:—Lord Stopford, Messrs James Bodd, W. Doyle, Jr. Rice, Lynch, Rossiter, Esmonde, Bloney, Mayles, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, W. Doyle Esq. and J. Asple:— 13

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost.

As a further amendment, Lord Stopford moved: "That this report be referred back to the County Insurance Committee for further consideration.

Mr Esmonde Seconded.

A poll was taken with the following Result:—
 For the amendment:—Lord Stopford, Messrs Gough, Rice, Kinsella, Esmonde, Mayles, Bloney, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Asple, W. Doyle, Jr. and

D. Sinnott: - 12

Against: - Messrs James Bodd, M. Doyle Sr. Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, Lynch, Rossiter, and the Chairman: - 8

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The following resolution was read from the Wexford District Council: -

"That in the opinion of this Council, the National Insurance Act, requires amendment, especially as regards agricultural employees, that it places unnecessarily heavy burdens on farmers and country labourers, who follow the healthiest occupation in the world, without any compensating advantages; that while every other class in the community, can pass the tax on to the consumer, the farmer cannot do so, we therefore strongly request the Irish Party, to use every means, in their power, to have this Act amended, so as to meet the requirements, of an agricultural country like Ireland."

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Rossiter seconded, the adoption of the resolution.

A poll was taken, with the following result: -

For: - Messrs James Bodd, M. Doyle Sr. Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter and Sinnott: - 6

Against: - Messrs Gough, Rice, Kinsella, Stafford, Fanning, Bloney, Mayler, M. Bodd, J. A. Doyle, J. Asple, M. Doyle Sr. and the Chairman: - 12

Lord Stafford did not vote.

The Chairman declared, the resolution lost.

Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908

Under date 23rd October, 1912, the Local Government Board, forwarded the following letter: -

"With reference to the entry, in the minutes of proceedings, of the Wexford County Council

On the 9th inst, and previous Correspondence respecting the schemes, adopted by the Wexford County Council, under the Polling Districts, and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1908, for the Parliamentary Divisions of North and South Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward herewith, two copies of Orders, made by them in the matter, together with copies of the Schemes, duly sealed, with the Board's Seal."

Approved On the motion of Mr Rice.
Seconded by Mr Kinsella.

Auditor's Reports.

Under date 15th October, the Local Government Board wrote. Letters no. 53731, and 53732; forwarding reports of their Auditor, on his Audit, of the Accounts, of Wexford Union, and Wexford Rural District, for half year ended 31st March 1912.

Under date 20th August, the Local Government Board forwarded letter no. 39967-12, copy of the Report, of their Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts, of the Waterford Joint Bridge Committee, in respect of the year, ended 31st March 1912.

Under date 15th October 1912, the Local Government Board (Letter no. 53964-12) wrote forwarding copy of the report, of their Auditor, on his Audit of Accounts, of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, for half year ended 31st March, and 30th September 1912.

Marked "Read"

Ballyhack Harbour

The following letter under date 29th October, and no. 8416-12. F.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—

"Adverting to your letter of the 10th inst, I have to state for the information, of the Wexford County Council, that the terms of the Department's offer, to contribute towards the cost, of the Scheme of improvement, for the accommodation, of fishing boats at Ballyhack as conveyed to you on the 8th inst, cannot be altered."

The Finance & Roads Committee, considered this letter, at their meeting on the 30th October, and adopted the following resolution:—

"That we respectfully request the Department, to re-consider their offer, in connection with the proposed improvements for accommodation of fishing boats at Ballyhack."

The Finance & Roads Committee, desire to point out, that they are under no obligation, to repair the boat slip, at Ballyhack, and are taking over the structure especially, in order to assist the fishing industry. In the circumstances, they would urgently impress, upon the Department, that they should agree to the terms of the resolution, passed by the Co Council, to contribute half the cost, seeing that the matter is on a different footing, to that of a Scheduled Pier, which the County Council would be obliged to maintain.

That a copy of this resolution, be forwarded to the Department.

In reply to this the following letter no. 9, 178-12 F.B., was read from the Department:—

"I have acknowledge the receipt, of your letter, of the 31st ultimo, embodying a resolution, passed on the 30th ultimo by the Roads,

and Finance Committee, of the Wexford County Council, relative to the scheme of improvement for the accommodation of fishing boats at Ballyhack, and to State, for the information of the Council, that the Department must adhere to the terms of this offer, & to contribute towards the cost of the project in question."

"On the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Bloney, the resolution of the Roads and Finance Committee, was confirmed."

Jara Hill Quarry.

The following report was read from Mr Barry County Surveyor:—

"I have carefully gone into all the items of expenditure, in connection with the working of this Quarry. In the first place, I may state that the Capital expenditure, including purchase of the Quarry amounts to, or about £1,373 and this is a County-at-large charge."

It is proper, however, that the Gorey Rural District should bear a charge on account of portion of this Capital expenditure, to cover depreciation, and maintenance. And I estimate this for Breaker, Engine, Tram, and weigh Bridge, which cost £998, say in round figures, £1,000 at 5% equal £50 per annum.

Further I estimate that there will be, or about 33 working days of the Breaker in the year, and this should be charged against the District at the rate of 35/- per day, for working expenses, making a total against the District of say, £108 per annum.

To arrive at the cost of the material, I take it that there will be, 200 working days in the year; this makes allowance for Sundays, Holidays, broken weather, short days of winter, and other idle time. Now I have a return,

of actual quarry work, and for a period of 19 days, during which 222 Tons. were quarried, and this should be broken in 4 days, making a total of 23 days, or an average of say 10 tons per day, and at 200 working days, the output should be 2000 tons, equal to 1600 Cubic yards.

The items of expenditure are thus:- as follows.

Foreman.	3/4
Smith.	3/4
8 Men.	21/4
Breaker charge.	10/-

(Total per day for an output. 38/-
of 10 Tons quarried and broken)

This means a cost of 3/6 per ton, or 4/9½ per cubic yard.

The Charge made to the district, is 3/- per cubic yard, for broken Stone, and 2/- per cubic yard, for screenings, which come out of the material, without reducing its bulk, making, I estimate the effective charge 3/3 per cubic yard, for stuff quarried and broken, showing a loss to the Council of 1/6½ per cubic yard.

I consider this material, is well worth 4/6 per cubic yard, and the extra 3/2^d should be saved by more efficient working of the quarry, say by piece work, and also by substituting steel jaws in the breaker, which latter, I am about doing, and I recommend, that the District Council, should be notified, that in future, the charge for material will be 4/6 per cubic yard.

Of course on existing contracts, the rate of charge, for material, cannot fairly be raised, but as the contracts fall out, the new prices should come into operation."

On the motion, of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Tanning the following resolution was adopted:—

"That we adjourn the consideration of this matter, to next Meeting, to enable Mr Barry, to ascertain, if he can obtain, a tender for the working of the Quarry"

County Surveyors Report.
Bourtown Harbour

As directed by the County Council, I arranged for a conference with Mr Batchen (Engineer of the Board of works) and Messrs Allanson-Winn and King, the Engineers employed, by the Harbour Improvement Committee. The conference took place at the Board of works office in Dublin on the 23rd October, ult.

We went very fully, into the matter, and examined, and discussed, the various projects, advanced, for the improvement of the Harbour.

We had the advantage, of access, to the records, of the Board, in connection, with the adjacent coast, and works carried out elsewhere.

We had before us, the recent charts of soundings, taken opposite Bourtown, by the Department Engineers. And also tide chart, prepared by Mr King.

It appears that the normal travel, of the sand, along this coast, is from South to North, and the tendency, being, to silt up, in the slack water, on the lee side, of any projecting headland, or pier, will in this case, cause deposit on the north side, of any new pier, unless steps be taken, to so direct the currents, and carry the drift, beyond the pier, into deep water.

Messrs Winn and King, proposes to obtain this result, by sending the end of the new pier, at an angle, to the northward, and further directing the flow, of the ebb tide, past the pier end, by means of a half tide breakwater. I am not satisfied, that this result, will be obtained, and Messrs Winn and King, are themselves

not in a position, to give a definite undertaking.

It is always difficult, to estimate result, from alteration, and interference, of existing currents, by new works. And in this case, without fuller information, the improvement is problematic.

Under any circumstances, you must clearly understand, that dredging, will always be necessary. Though no doubt, it will be more effective, and will be required at longer intervals.

In this connection, I strongly advise, the placing of a hand worked grab dredger, to travel along, any new pier, or extension, and this should be worked, by the local people, as may be found necessary, to preserve the channel, and allow the scows, from the sluices, to act to the best advantage.

I pointed out, to Mr. Wain, that in my opinion, the position, of the proposed half tide breakwater, would cause erosion, in the angle, to the north, of the present life boat house, by forming a funnel mouth, directing and confining the waves, with a storm, from the north east. It was suggested to alter, the angle of this breakwater accordingly.

In my opinion, and I believe Mr. Paschen agrees, some form of open-work structure, with possible a solid end, and laid off, at an angle, similar to that proposed, for the end of the entirely solid pier, would cause the least interference with existing currents.

This would enable a channel, to be maintained, by hand grab dredging, and scows, from the sluices, so that fishing boats, could freely go out and enter, and larger vessels, could discharge, at the solid end, in most states, of the weather, being only prevented doing so, during severe storms, only a few days in the year.

I suggest that the opinion, of the Department Engineer, be obtained on this matter, as he is very fully, acquainted, with the local conditions.

Finally, I am of opinion, that very great improvement works, can be carried out

by an expenditure of £15.000, but the details of the work will have to be more fully considered and further observation taken on the spot.

You must also note that the Development Commissioners will not advance the proposed £10.000. unless, and until, they are quite satisfied, that there is every reasonable probability, of the works, proving a success, and under these circumstances, I can safely advise that the Bountly Council, should undertake to provide the £5.000. asked for, in the event of the Development Commissioners granting £10.000. with the detailed plans and specification before them.

Mr B. Riordan, Hon Sec. forwarded the following resolution, adopted at a meeting of Fishermen:—

"That we hereby call the attention, of the Government, and Bountly Council, to the very bad state, of the bar and harbour at Bourtown.

The herring fishing is now here, and it looks as if this will be another disastrous season, for the fishermen. The want of safe harbour of refuge, in this stormy and uncertain weather, militates most adversely against anything like profitable fishing. Whilst passing this resolution, we are by no means unaware, of the very momentous decision, to be arrived at, with regard to this place, at the next meeting of the Bountly Council. We feel certain that decision, will be in our favour, but we cannot refrain, from asking, for some immediate relief, if possible"

"No order was made on the above resolution"

"Mr Tanning proposed, Mr Kinsella seconded the following resolution:—

"That we adjourn, the consideration of Mr Barry's report, to next meeting of the Co. Council. That Mr Barry, in the meantime, make arrangements, to meet Mr Barry,

and further discuss the matter with him.

Details of cost, procurement of material, and all other possible information, to be laid before the meeting."

Sureties of officers

The Secretary reported, the death of Mr Ennis, one of the sureties, of Mr. H. O. H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Mr Walsh as new surety, submitted the name of Mr Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford.

The Secretary also reported, the death of Mr Charles F. Walker, D.P. Ballymagyrt; one of the sureties of Mr Edward O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore.

Mr O'Flaherty submitted the name of Mr. William Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore.

"That the names Mr Laurence McCarthy, and Mr Wm. Rochford, as sureties for Mr. H. O. H. Walsh, and Mr. O'Flaherty, respectively be, and are hereby approved."

Foot and Mouth Disease.

The various orders issued by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, in connection with the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, in other parts of Ireland, were submitted to the Meeting

"Marked Read"

Motor Car Acts.

Under date 10th October, the following letter no. 34335-1911. Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board:—

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, for the information, of the County, or County Borough Council, the enclosed copy of an Order in Council, made in June last.

Amending the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order, 1910, so as to abolish the fees payable

On the registration, of foreign motor cars, and motor cycles visiting this Country "

Marked "read"

Sealed Orders.

The Local Government Board forwarded Copy of their Sealed Order, under date 4th October 1912, and no. 8896, fixing the Oulart Dispensary District, as the area of charge, for any loss up to £ 14 per annum, for seven years, which may be sustained, by the Postmaster General, in connection with the working of a telegraph office at Oulart.

Marked "Read"

Under date 14th November 1912, the Local Government Board, forwarded Copy of Sealed Order, determining that the Oulart Dispensary District, be the area of charge, for the improving of the water supply, and maintenance of same at Ballycannel.

Marked "Read"

The National Board of Education

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:—

" That we, the Limerick County Council, condemn the tyrannical, and high-handed action, of the Commissioners, of National Education, an autocratic and irresponsible Board, in dismissing the vice-president of the Teachers Association, Mr E. Mansfield, for legitimate criticism, of the unjust actions, of the Board, and its officials."

Mr Fanning proposed:— That the resolution of Limerick County Council, relative to the dismissal, of Mr. E. Mansfield, be approved.

Mr Kinsella. Seconded.

Passed"

Winter Assizes

Under date 28th October, The following Circular letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

" I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant, to inform you, that the usual Certificate, under Section 19, of Winter Assizes Order, in Council, a copy of which Order is enclosed, for expenses, will only be issued, to the Treasurer, who attends the Winter Assizes, to pay orders, for prosecutors and witnesses' expenses, and that where such Treasurer is a Bank, the Certificate will be issued in favour, of such Bank "

Marked "Read"

Ennis Corthy Urban District & Road Board

Under date 4th October, the following letter was read, from P. J. Shaw, Clerk Ennis Corthy Urban Council:-

" That we, the Urban District Council of Ennis Corthy, do hereby apply, to the Road Board (through the County Council of Wexford) for the sum of £ 1,700, for the purposes, of building up, and steamrolling the main roads, in the Urban District, leading from Dublin to Waterford, and Dublin to Wexford, also for the Constructing of two footbridges, one at each side of the present bridge, so as to allow of the entire width, of the bridge, for vehicular traffic "

Amount of Steamrolling and building up Roads.	£ 950
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Amount of Footbridges.	750
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We further request, that the County Council make this application as soon as possible "

The Chairman (Mr Peacocke) moved:- " That the matter be referred, to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for his observations." Mr Stafford Seconded. "Passed"

Imperial and Local Taxation Committee

A circular letter was read from P. M. Quinlan, Secretary, Kerry County Council, suggesting that the "Imperial & Local Taxation Committee" should be called on in Parliament, to report without further delay."

On the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the Imperial & Local Taxation Committee be called on in Parliament, to furnish their report, without further delay"

Feeding of Troops in Ireland.

The following resolution was received from the South Tipperary County Council:—

"That we wish to draw attention to the regulations, referring to the feeding of troops in Ireland, by which it is compulsory, to issue frozen meat, on three days of the week. And to point out, that a time, when the law forbids, the normal export of cattle, for consumption in England, such regulations, restricting its consumption at home, ~~it~~ should be withdrawn"

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

Pleasant & Sanatorium

The following resolution, adopted at a meeting of the inhabitants of Saggart, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Lucan and Belbridge, forwarded by Mr James Bruen, Hazelhatch, Co Kildal; was laid before the meeting:—

"That this meeting protests, in the strongest possible manner, against the erection of a sanatorium at Pleasant, strongly condemns the action, of the

Kildare and Kerry County Councils, in taking beds in the said Sanatorium, and calls on those Co. Councils, to rescind the resolutions, binding them, to do so; And requests the other Co. Councils, to refuse support to the Sanatorium."

Marked "Read"

The Land Union

Circulars and letters, were received, from the Secretary to the Land Union, calling attention, to the serious aspect, as regards local rating, of the proposals, of the Single Tax Party."

Marked "Read"

Irish Post Office.

The following resolution, was received, from the Dublin County Council:—

"Resolved:— That this Council trusts, there is no truth, in the report, recently published, that an English official, is about to be appointed, to the Secretaryship, of the Post Office in Ireland, to the exclusion, of all existing, Irish Postal Officials; that the Postmaster General, be informed, that in the opinion, of this Council, such appointment, would be strongly resented in Ireland, and would be specially disappointing, in view of its inconsistency, with the Home Rule policy, of the Ministry."

"A resolution couched, in similar terms, was received from Limerick County Council

Marked "Read"

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from rates, were laid before the meeting:—

A. Lennon. — No. 9, Ardcaran; P. Rossiter, No. 99, 100, Ladys Island; 66 & 297, Rosslare; J. F. Sullivan, No. 11, Tombrack; J. B. Smith No. 117, Bourtown.

Proposed by Lord Stafford
 Seconded by Mr Stafford:—

"That the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1890, be applied to these cases, and that they be exempted, for the period stated, on the grounds that the premises, have been vacant and empty."

"Passed."

Irrecoverable Rates.

Lists of irrecoverable Rates, were submitted by the Secretary, and approved, on the motion of the Chairman;

Appointment under Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 2nd November 1912, The County Inspector wrote, asking that the following, be appointed Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts:—

Sergeant Michael Hynn, Ballybrasil—

For Petty Sessions District of Arthurstown.

Sgt. Sergeant Peter Ruane, New Ross—

For New Ross Petty Sessions District.

Sergeant Chr. Bredon, Blonroche—

For Blonroche Petty Sessions District.

Sergeant John Madden, Oulart—

For Oulart Petty Sessions District.

"Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter.

Wexford Bridge.

at a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, held on 30th October 1912, the following recommendation was agreed to:—

"That as suggested by Mr Barry, the Local Government Board, be requested, to allow their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr P. B. Bowman, M. Inst., C. E. to consult with the Co. Surveyors as to the condition of Wexford Bridge"

In reply to this the Local Government Board wrote, under date 5th November 1912 - letter No. 57990/12 as follows:—

"The Local Government Board, for Ireland, have had before them, your letter, of the 31st ultimo, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee, of the Wexford County Council, requesting the Board to allow their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. P. B. Bowan, to consult with the Co. Surveyor, as to the condition of Wexford Bridge.

While the Board are most anxious, to assist the County Council, in every possible way. They regret they are unable, to comply with this request. As in the event, of objections, being subsequently made, to the County Council's proposals, or a local inquiry, being found necessary, Mr Bowan might be called upon, to report to the Board.

It is of course open, to the Council, to retain the services of an eminent Consulting Engineer, if they see fit, to do so."

Marked "Read"

Recommendations of Finance and Roads Committee:— Meeting 30th October 1912.

"That the Co. Surveyor be allowed to retain the services of temporary clerk, for a further month, at a salary not to exceed £4. for the period"

"Approved on the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning.

Ferrycarraig Bridge

With reference to the letter, of the 29th October 1912, from Mr. Bobboun, contractor, for Ferrycarraig Bridge, requesting payment on foot of his

contract, we instruct our County Surveyor, to communicate with Mr. Bolhoun, and ask him, to furnish full details, of his claim, including extras, also his charge, for carrying out the latter. We direct our County Surveyor, when he has received this, to go fully, into the statement submitted in reply, by Mr. Bolhoun, and inform him, how much, he is prepared to recommend the Council, to allow for payment."

"Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning"

Kilcoishy Bridge.

"That as Mr. Bernie, Contractor for the erection of Kilcoishy Bridge, has not taken any steps, to carry out, his Contract, and as the period mentioned in the specification has expired, we instruct the County Surveyor, to determine the Contract, and serve notice, on Mr. Bernie to that effect."

"Approved on the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning"

Book Typewriting Machine.

It was decided that the Secretary be empowered, to purchase an Elliott - Fisher, Typewriting Machine, for the use of the County Council Office, cost not to exceed £45

"Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning"

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary submitted the following Scheme:

"There shall be open, for competition, Annually, three scholarships, each valued at £50. Tenable for three years, and which shall be confined to the children

(Male and Female) of rate payers, in the County Wexford, the aggregate valuation, of whose holdings, does not exceed £60, and two Bursaries, each valued at £25 yearly, tenable for three years, Confined to the Children, of Rate payers, of the County Wexford, the aggregate valuation of whose holdings, does not exceed £100.

Successful candidates, must hold their Scholarships, in the Dublin College, of the National University.

In connection with the limitation of valuation, for Scholarships, and Bursaries, we desire to call attention, to Section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act, 1908, under which County Councils in Ireland, are empowered to Award these Scholarships.

" Students for Scholarships and Bursaries, must pass the Senior grade Examination, of the Intermediate, in the following Subjects:—

1. Irish
2. Greek or Latin, or an approved modern language.
3. English
4. Arithmetic + Algebra
5. One of the following:—
 - (a) Geometry or Trigonometry.
 - (b) History and Geography
 - (c) Chemistry.
 - (d) Botany.

" Students who do not take Geometry or Trigonometry, are expected to take one other subject from group 5. Marks will not be given, to any Student for Geometry or Trigonometry, as well, as for any, of the other subjects, in group 5.

Irish,

Greek or Latin, or an approved modern language.

English, Arithmetic + Algebra, are Compulsory, for all Students. Honours must be obtained, in at least three Subjects "

The Scheme, also provided for a Travelling Studentship, or a Research Scholarship of £150.

Regarding payment, for the scholarships, it was provided by the scheme - that of the amount of the Scholarship, £10.10.0 shall be allocated for college fees, £31 for Board and Lodging, in a recognized hostel, in which students, will be obliged to reside, and the remaining £8.10.0 for entrance fee, and travelling expenses. of the amount of the Bursary, £10.10.0 shall be paid for college fees, and the balance shall be allocated, towards the cost of residence, of the student.

In connection with this matter, the following resolution, was read, from the Bountty Committee, of Wexford Gaelic League:—

Resolved:— "That whilst we notice with regret, the action, of the authorities, of Trinity College, Dublin, and the Queen's University, Belfast, in excluding themselves, from the control, of the proposed Irish Parliament, we are of opinion, that by doing so, they have forfeited any claim, on the good will, of a popularly representative body.

We therefore respectfully call, on the Wexford Bountty Council, to confine its Scholarships, to the National University only, and especially, in view, of the fact, that the National University, only has guaranteed, to make Irish essential, at matriculation, on, and after next year "

Mr Peacocke moved:— "That University Scholarships, be denable, in the Dublin College, of the National University, or the College, of any other recognized University in Ireland!

Lord Stopford Seconded.

On a poll there voted for Mr Peacock's resolution:—

Messrs James bodd, Gough, Rice, Stappford,
Peacocke, Stappford, Fanning, Lynch, Esmonde,
Mark bodd, James A. Doyle, J. Asple & the chairman—13.

Against:—Messrs M. Doyle & Kinsella, Rossiter,
Bloney, Mayles, M. Doyle. Unvoted—6.

The chairman declared, the resolution carried.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by
Lord Stappford, the scheme, embodying the
terms of the resolution, of Mr Peacocke, was
then adopted.