

Statutable Quarterly meeting  
 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, (Chairman) presiding.  
 Other members :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, P. O'Neill,  
 M. A. Ennis; J. S. Hearn, J. Asple, Mr. Doyle, P.  
 Fortune, Mr. Codd, A. Kinsella, John Bolger,  
 J. J. Kehoe, J. Codd, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Browne, P.  
 J. Fanning; J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Stafford,  
 J. Cummins, & Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M. P.

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

Confirmation of minutes  
 The minutes of last meeting were read and  
 confirmed.

Co-option of a member.

In consequence of the resignation of Mr. D.  
 Kavanagh, owing to illness, a vacancy  
 existed in the representation of the County  
 District of Monamolin.

Mr. D. Kavanagh, wrote that at a public  
 meeting of the Electors of the division, Mr.  
 George Walsh, J. P., Island, had been recomm-  
 ended to the Council, as his successor.

The Blackwater Farmers' Association adopted  
 a resolution recommending Mr. N. Whitty,  
 Whitty's Cross - but a letter was read from  
 Mr. Whitty, that if Mr. Walsh agreed to act,  
 he (Mr. Whitty) did not want his name to go  
 forward.

Letters were read from Mr. G. Redmond,  
 Kilmuckridge, that an influential meeting of  
 ratepayers had adopted a resolution urging the  
 co-option of Mr. George Walsh, J. P., Ballyradden.  
 and from Mr. P. Booney, Hon Sec, Oulart Branch



Trade & Labour League, stating that his branch recommended the co-option of Mr. James Murphy, Blackwater."

Mr. Fanning proposed that Mr. Philip J. Creane J.P., Coolroe, Kilmuckridge, be co-opted.

Mr. A. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed Mr. George Walsh, D.B., Ballyvadden.

Mr. P. O'Neill seconded.

Mr. P. Fortune proposed Mr. James Murphy.

Mr. Asple seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For Mr. Creane:- Messrs Browne, J. Codd, Kinsella, Hearne, Peacocke, Kehoe, Fanning, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Cummins, and the Chairman. 12.

For Mr. Walsh:- Messrs Stafford, P. O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, M. Doyle, M. Codd, J. Bolger, and Fortune... 8.

The Chairman declared Mr. Creane co-opted.

### The Rates.

The following resolution was forwarded from the Finance Committee:- "That the Secretary's Estimate of Rate for General and Separate charges for financial year 1910-11; be adopted and that the Co. Council be recommended to strike a general rate for the several Rural Districts as follows:-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/6	4/8
Gorey	2/4	4/6
New Ross	3/4	5/1
Wexford	2/6	3/4.

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

"That we hereby adopt the estimate of our



Secretary for Rates for General and separate charges for the financial year 1910-11, (as already agreed to be the Finance Committee) and determine the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates to be as follows:-

	<u>Land.</u>	<u>Buildings.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/-	4/8
Gory	2/4	4/-
New Ross	3/4	5/-
Wexford	2/-	3/4

and we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the urban Districts of the County, to be as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£1176 : 9 : 3
New Ross	1384 : 9 : 1
Wexford	2067 : 6 : 0

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> January the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"You will find enclosed my estimate of expenditure on so at large works for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911.

The large increase is due, of course, to the provision for the new bridge at Ferryarrig, and the engine for Tara Hill Quarry. I enclose, for the information of the Council, a copy of a letter I have received from the Board of Trade with reference to the Ferryarrig Bridge, and copy of my reply. I believe it can compel us to raise the bridge, if it thinks fit.

With reference to Tara Hill Quarry, I would recommend the Council to purchase two sets of points and crossings for use on the tram road. These can be obtained for £2. Without them the waggons would have to run over the rough floor of the quarry, which would quickly shake them to bits, or else the stones would receive an extra handling.



A matter of which I would like to direct the Council's attention, is the Development Act, which is intended amongst other things, to provide money for road purposes.

The amount of money will be limited, at present there is none, and probably the saying will apply - "first come first served."

It might be well then for the Council to appoint a Committee to consider the matter and draw up proposals if it should see fit.

On the motion of the Chairman it was "decided to refer this letter to special roads maintenance committee."

— Resignation of Mr. O'Reilly, Assistant Surveyor. —

The following was laid before the meeting:-

"I am sure you will be as I was, pleased to hear that I have been appointed Assistant Inspector to the Congested Districts Board. The news to me was not an unmixed pleasure, as the taking up of the appointment renders it necessary that I tender you this, my resignation, of the position of Assistant Co. Surveyor, from the 9<sup>th</sup> March next.

I take this opportunity of thanking each and everyone for the honour you conferred in appointing me to the office.

Mr. Gaffney, your Surveyor, for the very proper and effective action which on a recent occasion, he took in my interests, and Mr. Frizelle for his invariable kindness and courtesy upon all occasions."

I am, Gentlemen

Respectfully yours  
Henry O'Reilly -

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. Bolger seconded that Mr. O'Reilly's resignation be accepted, and that the vacancy be filled at the Co. Council



meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April, salary and conditions to be the same as per last appointment of assistant Surveyor."

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford and adopted: - "That Mr. Gaffney be empowered to employ a temporary assistant if he considers it necessary, at a salary not exceeding £2 per week."

### Notice of motion

Mr. J. Bolger handed in the following notice of motion: -

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the Co. Council, that an additional assistant Co. Surveyor be appointed at a salary to be fixed at the Co. Council meeting which consider this motion."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Keacock seconded: - "That the Wexford Harbour Commissioners be requested to appoint Representatives to meet the Finance Committee of the Wexford Co. Council, to consider the question of the plans and specification for the construction of the new Bridge at Ferryarrig, and that Mr. Gaffney be requested to attend any conference that takes place."

Passed.

### Electric Lighting.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Urban Council: -

"That we respectfully request the Wexford Co. Council to take into consideration the granting of permission to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, to use the waste water power at Kilcarbery for the generating of electricity for our urban



District, in accordance with the Report of Mr. H. J. Harris, A.M.S.B.E.I."

Mr. O'Neill proposed :- "That the resolution of the Ennisconthy Urban District Council, relative to the proposed scheme of electric lighting, be referred to the Asylum Committee for their observations. That Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor, be asked to attend the meeting of the Asylum Committee at which this matter is to be considered."

Mr. Keacocke seconded. Passed.

### Confirmation of minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. James Bodd, the minutes of meetings of the various committees since last meeting of the Council were confirmed.

### Road limit of Expenditure.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. Stafford Gaffney, M. Inst. C.E., relative to road limit of expenditure :-

In making out my estimate of expenditure on roads for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, for the different district councils, I find that in all the districts except Wexford they exceed the amount authorised to be spent annually.

The balances to credit, after providing for what may be called fixed charges, that is, payments passed for roads in contract, and those in my hands, are, omitting shillings, etc :-

Ennisconthy	£ 938 -
Gorey	122
New Ross	592

These balances are, I think, quite inadequate to provide for the inevitable increase of price in new <sup>road</sup> contracts, new roads coming under



contract, new works and repairs to old works.

In addition provision must be made for sudden Damage Orders, and contingencies.

The following are my figures.

Enniscorthy...	Estimate	£ 8,789
	amount authorised	8,227
	Excess	<u>562</u>

Gorey.	Estimate	£ 7,130
	amount authorised	6,132
	Excess	<u>998</u>

New Ross.	Estimate	£ 6,448
	amount authorised	6,241
	Excess	<u>207</u>

Further, I think, there will have to be large increase in these estimates to provide the necessary metalling to bring the roads up to a fair standard, and also to provide for the rebuilding, strengthening and repairing of bridges, etc., which are being and will continue to be badly knocked about by heavy traffic.

I should be pleased if you bring this matter before the Co. Council."

Mr Gaffney in a long statement explained that in order to get the roads into proper condition, the Local Government Board should be asked to extend the limit of road expenditure by the following figures in each district.

Enniscorthy	£ 3655
Gorey	2500
New Ross	2500
Wexford.	1393

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. O'Neill seconded :-

'That the Local Government Board be requested



to extend the limit of Road Expenditure in the Rural Districts of the County by the following amounts as recommended by the County Surveyor:-

Enniscorthy	£ 3655
Gorey	2500
New Ross	2500
Wexford	1393.

Passed.

#### main Roads Declaration.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor relative to main Roads Declaration:-

"The present Declaration as to main Roads expires, I am told, next July; and, if any modifications are intended, these should be embodied in a scheme before that date. The period of a declaration is five years.

The present declaration, viz: that none of the roads in the County are main roads, seems to have worked well, and I am not prepared to recommend any change."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, & Sir Thomas Comond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we hereby declare that there be no main roads in the County Wexford."

#### Resignation of a member of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Rev P. Parker, B.B. Kilmyshall:-

"If I may, I hereby wish to resign my position as a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture. When accepting the position I thought I would be able to attend the meetings regularly, but for several reasons I find that impossible. As matters stand, I am no good on it, and may be keeping out of the position some



person who would be real service."

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger:-  
"That Mr. Francis Guilbride, Newtownbarry, be appointed on Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice the Rev P. Parker B.C. resigned."

Passed.

— Co. Wexford Infirmary. —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1910 the following letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary:-

"I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Committee of Management held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, in the Board Room of the above Institution the recommendation of the Co. Council re Council's opinion on management of Lady Esmonde Maternity Hospital was considered. On the proposition of Mr. R. W. Elger Senr., seconded by Mr. P. Bolger it was passed unanimously:- "That Council's opinion on the management of Lady Esmonde's Maternity Hospital entered in Minute Book at meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1909 be deleted from said minutes."

In reply to a resolution of the Co. Council passed at last meeting, the Enniscorthy Urban Council recommended for appointment on County Infirmary Committee, Mr. John Bolger J.P., George St. Enniscorthy."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, Mr. J. Bolger, Enniscorthy, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Co. Infirmary Committee.

— Maintenance of Roads. —

The following Committee was appointed to consider the question of road maintenance payments, and as to the method of deferring and striking off money. The Committee to meet on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10 o'clock.



Enniscorthy:- messrs O'Neill, J. Bolger, and J. Bolger.  
 Gory:- messrs Fanning, Kinsella, and Creane.  
 New Ross:- messrs Hickey, W. Forrestal, and J. S.  
 Hearn.

Wexford:- messrs J. Codd, Walsh, and Stafford.  
 the chairman and vice chairman as *ex-officio*  
 members.

— motor car act. —

under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1910 the Local Govern-  
 ment Board wrote (letter no. 154408) that by the  
 expiring laws continuance act 1909, the motor  
 car act 1903 has been continued until the 31<sup>st</sup>  
 December 1910.

marked "Read."

— Auditor's Report. —

under date 24<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following  
 report of the Auditor of the Local Government  
 Board (no 155,430) was read:-

"I have the honour to report that I have  
 audited the accounts of the County Council  
 of Wexford for the half-year ended September  
 last and I forward, herewith, a certified  
 abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted  
 for audit in a most satisfactory manner  
 and no item of expenditure calls for any  
 remark on my part."

marked "Read"

— Contract of Joseph Bullen. —

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909 the Local  
 Government Board wrote (letter no. 101-07. 1909)  
 forwarding a copy of letter received from  
 Mr. Thomas Cleary D. C., Ballyvake, Glenbrien  
 Enniscorthy; together with a copy of the  
 reply of the Local Government Board:-

Mr. Cleary's letter which was dated 9<sup>th</sup>  
 December '09, was as follows:-

"Re Joseph Bullen, Road-contractor for



Road no. -- Enniscorthy R. District.

Sir,

I beg to call the attention of the Local Government Board, to the circumstances under which the above Contractor was allowed his full half yearly pay on the above Road contracts up to and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> September last.

At the Enniscorthy quarterly meeting on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November last it was admitted by the County Surveyor and his Assistant that neither of them had measured the stones in the contractors' depots. It was stated that the Assistant Surveyor was ill, and unable to inspect and the Co. Surveyor was too busy otherwise, yet notwithstanding that he made no inspection the Co. Surveyor certified for payment of the full money. I attended before the Co. Council on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December as Rural District Councillor for the Division, but I was told that the County Surveyor's certificate was conclusive although it was admitted that the quantities in the depots were short. I enclose a newspaper report of the proceedings before the Co. Council which is substantially accurate.

I request the Local Government Board to subject the matter to further inquiry."

The following is the copy of reply of Local Government Board (no. 151071) under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909:-

"In reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to a contract for the maintenance of a road in Enniscorthy Rural District, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the matter referred to in your letter appears to have been dealt with by the County Council, and the Board do not think that they could with any advantage take any



action regarding it."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1909 was read from Mr. Henry O'Reilly, Assistant Surveyor, Enniscomorthy :-

"I beg to thank you for the resolution passed at the half-yearly meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> inst. but I note for future guidance that it contains no expression of confidence in your officers."

marked "Read."

— Mr. M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor —

under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1909. (letter no. 137028) the Local Government Board wrote approving of the appointment of Mr. M. Hassett, as Assistant Surveyor, on the terms proposed by the Co. Council.

marked "Read"

— Assistant Surveyor Padden. —

under date 1<sup>st</sup> December 1909, the Local Government Board, (letter no. 137028) wrote approving of the proposed increase of £5. in the salary of Mr. Thomas Padden, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District.

marked "Read."

— Examination for Assistant Surveyors. —

The Local Government Board wrote under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1910 (letter no. 10 M. 1910) that an examination of candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors, would be held under their directions at the Custom House Dublin, on Wednesday & Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30 a.m."

marked "Read."

— Newtownbarry Square. —

under date 7<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter no. 134010)



forwarded for the information of the Co. Council the following copy of letter which they had addressed to Enniscorthy Rural District Council with regard to the acquisition by the Rural Council of the right of holding fairs and markets in the Square at Newtownbarry:-

"With reference to the minutes of Proceedings of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they understand that the Council wish to obtain statutory powers to acquire the right of holding Fairs and markets in the Square at Newtownbarry now exercised by Mr. Hall-Dare by virtue of a patent granted in 1728 to Colonel Barry Massey.

In the circumstances, it would be necessary for the Rural District Council to be invested by the Board in pursuance of Section 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1896, with the functions of an Urban sanitary authority under Section 103 and Section 104 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, as extended by Section 31 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the proper course for the Council will be to apply to the Board by petition under their Seal for the powers above indicated, and not less than a month before such petition is submitted, advertisement should be published setting forth the nature of the proposal, the estimated cost both initial and recurring, and the area of charge suggested, and at the same time specifying the date by which persons interested may lodge objections at the office of the Rural District Council.

A specimen form of advertisement is herewith enclosed for the Council's information.

On receipt of the Council's application the Board will proceed to direct a local inquiry



into the matter."

marked "Read."

— Health Resorts & Watering Places (3) Act 1909. —

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> December 1909, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of a circular letter (M 158-09) which they had addressed to clerks of Co. Boroughs, Urban, and Rural District Councils, and Town Commissioners.

marked "Read."

— Sale of Food & Drugs Acts. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, (No. 39542) that an officer of the Department had purchased three samples of butter at New Ross, three at Enniscorthy, and three at Gory, on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The samples when tested by the Public Analyst for the County were found to be pure.

marked "Read."

— Removal of Wrecks. —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> December the following letter (No. 9200-09) J.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"With reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo, on the subject of the removal of wrecks situate off the Wexford coast, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Department regret that, in the absence of co-operation by a local or other interested body, they are unable to undertake the work in question."

The following resolution was read from Trade & Labour League, on the subject :-

"That as we believe the Wexford Co. Council are the responsible authority we demand



that Body to proceed with the removal of the sunken wreckage in Blackwater Bay?"

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

That as the Co. Council have been advised by their solicitor, that they have no power to make any contribution towards the expense of the removal of the wrecks off Wexford coast which are so detrimental to the interests of the fishing industry, the Department of Agriculture be requested to suggest what local or other interested body would have power to make a contribution for the purpose."

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning and adopted:- "That the question of removal of wrecks be referred to Wexford Harbour Commissioners for their observations."

#### Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1910, the following letter (No. 56-10. F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the difficulty of procuring suitable plant for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour has, so far, prevented the Department from proposing definite arrangements for carrying out the work. The matter, however, is not being overlooked."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman, and passed:-

"In reply to the letter of the Department of Agriculture, we beg to call attention to the fact that the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture made a promise to a Committee of the Co. Council to provide a dredger, and that the reasons heretofore



given by the Department of Agriculture for not fulfilling that promise were that their own dredger "Faughan Baellagh" was suitable for the purpose, and would be employed. The difficulty of procuring suitable dredging plant referred to in the Department's letter should prove to them the necessity of fulfilling the promise which was made by their vice-President."

— Condition of Ennisecorthy & Gorey Courthouses —  
under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Brereton Barry, Co. Court Judge, Lea House, Pembroke Road, Dublin :-

"I beg to bring to the notice of your Council the very trying conditions under which I am obliged to do my business at Gorey and Ennisecorthy in consequence of the very defective condition of the courthouse in each place. I should have opened the business at Naas, Co. Kildare, this morning but was unable to do so in consequence of a severe cold caught whilst sitting at Gorey and which I entirely attribute to the draughty, damp, and cold condition of the courthouse. I presume your Council cannot be aware (as indeed it seems incredible) that County Court Judges are severely penalized and mulcted for illness contracted in the discharge of their duties, and we are the only public servants so treated. We have £10:10/- per day stopped from our salaries for every day we are not able to sit.

Under these circumstances I think we are entitled to ask for special consideration from those who have, to a great extent, our health, I might almost say our lives in their hands.

The courthouse in Gorey is in the first



place very damp. The roof seems to be defective and the bad condition was exemplified greatly the other day, as while I was sitting portion of the porch actually fell down, and it was most miraculous that someone was not injured. The heating arrangements are most defective consisting of one stove which is supposed to heat the great damp barn-like place. But the worst of all are the draughts. There are two doors at each side of the Bench on the ground floor, and one door on each side on the galleries and all day long these are being opened and shut, the perpetual draught sweeping along the Bench. Enniscorthy is the same.

I suffered similarly in Wicklow, but the Co. Council have put in a good system of heating with pipes at Baltinglass, and also at Tenahealy, and have hung curtains on poles at each side of the Bench, and put swinging doors to the porch, which has worked a decided improvement. I understand you have now got a new Co. Surveyor, and I am sure when the matter is brought to the notice of the Council, they will, as other Councils have done for me, endeavour to make things reasonably safe."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded, and it was passed:—"That the matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that he furnish a report to the next meeting of the Co. Council."

— Proposed New Bridge for Waterford. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1909, a circular letter was read from the Clerk to the Privy Council that a public meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January at



12 o'clock noon, to consider revised plans and specifications relative to Waterford Bridge, the estimated cost of which according to these plans would be £66,800."

The following was received from Waterford County Borough from meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> December:-

"That messrs arrol be asked to send in the lowest estimate (inclusive of engineering fees, temporary bridge, dolphin and two years upkeep) for which they will erect a bridge across the Suir in accordance with the plans of messrs Baker & Sturtzic, if approved of by the Privy Council; that when same is received the result be forwarded to the different contributing areas, and ask the delegates to meet at the Central Hotel, Dublin; at 8 o'clock p.m., on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> January prox., to discuss the matter, and see if any arrangement can be come to as to what description of bridge they would advocate before the Privy Council."

Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council wrote as follows under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1910:-

"I beg to report for the information of the Co. Council that this case came before the Privy Council yesterday for final consideration and for approval of the Plans and Specification for the proposed new Ferro-concrete Bridge, - when counsel on behalf of the Waterford Corporation endeavoured to reopen the question as to whether the bridge should be steel, iron, or Ferro-concrete, but the Council declined to allow him to go into that question and decided to adhere to their decision given on the 15<sup>th</sup> June last, that the Bridge should be of Ferro-concrete. Counsel for the Corporation also objected to the Plans and Specification as lodged, which he said were insufficient



and defective, and that the could not be carried out for the sum named in the notice from the Privy Council of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, ult., viz: £66,800.

Counsel for the several contributory counties save South Tipperary, of course argued contra, and finally the Privy Council, decided that the Plans and Specification, which had been approved of and revised by an Independent Engineer appointed by themselves (the Privy Council) were quite sufficient, and that they would approve of and embody them in their Order, and to meet the objection that the price of £66,800 was not sufficient they increased it to £71,000, and this will also be embodied in the Order.

This therefore ends the matter as far as the appeals are concerned.

The Wexford Co. Council were represented by Mr. O'Kenzly B.L., as Mr. Healy K.B., could not attend, being engaged on Election work.

Mr. M. A. Ennis M.B.B., was in attendance on the hearing.

I may mention that the next step (after the Order of the Privy Council has been made up and issued) appears to be the appointment of a joint Committee to contract for and carry out the work, and of course the finding of the money will also arise.

The following letter under date 19<sup>th</sup> January and no. 4. 844-1910 (Waterford Co. Borough) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that in considering the estimates of rates required to provide for



the expenditure of the county for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, provision should be made for any expenses which may become chargeable on the county in connection with the construction of the new Waterford Bridge.

The Board observe from the Lord Chancellor's statement that an Order is in due course of preparation authorising the expenditure of £71,000 for this purpose, to which must be added legal expenses and other charges for Engineers and Inspectors.

The period of loan may be assumed to be for 50 years."

Proposed by Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, and adopted:-

"That when the amount of liability of Wexford County, has been fixed by the Privy Council, the Co. Council consider at next succeeding meeting the question of fixing the area of charge and graduated tax (if any) for the annual payment of the liability of County Wexford, as provided by Sec 25 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867, (31 & 32 Vic Cap 50) and in the event of the area of charge being agreed to as other than the Co. at Large, that the Co. at Large charges be re-credited with any amounts of expenditure up to the time the graduated tax will come into force."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and passed:-

"That Requisition to tax costs of Mr. R. W. Elgu, Solicitor, in connection with Waterford Bridge be signed, and that Mr. J. J. Healy, attend the taxation on behalf of the Co. Council."



Weeds & Seeds Act 1909.

The following letter under date 10<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1909 (no 24888-09) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

The Department invite the attention of your Council to the main provisions of the above Act (copy enclosed) which will come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> January next, in so far as they relate to the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds in this country.

There are of course numerous weeds not specified in the Act which might with advantage have been included in a measure of this kind, but it will be admitted that the five mentioned, viz:- Ragwort, Charlock, Coltsfoot, Thistle and Dock are among the most troublesome with which Irish farmers have to contend.

It is hardly necessary to point out to the Council the incalculable harm which these weeds unfortunately so prevalent in Ireland, do to agriculture both by robbing the soil of its valuable plant food and by crowding out and causing the deterioration of the cultivated plants. Their prevalence further increases the cost of every farm operation, ploughing, harrowing, seeding, weeding, and harvesting, as well as the cost of cleaning the seed of the crops among which they grow.

In many districts systematic efforts are made by careful farmers to eradicate the weeds of this nature from their land, but their efforts are often to a great extent nullified by the negligence of their neighbours who permit such weeds to grow unchecked on their farms. The seeds from these plants are conveyed by the wind and other means to the adjoining lands and hence the good work of the first mentioned



class of farmers is frequently undone and they are discouraged from continuing their commendable efforts to deal with the weed difficulty.

This Act is, therefore, intended to be used as a means for securing that efforts shall be made by all classes to clear the weeds specified from their lands, for their own sakes as well as for the sake of their neighbours.

The main provisions of the act <sup>in</sup> so far as they relate to measures for the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds are as follows...

Section 1. (1) The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction may with the consent of the Council of any County make an order declaring that throughout the County all plants of any species to which this section applies are noxious weeds for the purposes of this part of the Act.

(2) The species of plants to which this section applies are ragwort, charlock, coltsfoot, thistle, and dock, and the order may include all or any of those species.

(3) The consent of the County Council shall be signified by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council and a copy of the resolution under the seal of the Council shall be accepted as sufficient evidence of such consent.

(4) The Department may and at the request of the Co. Council shall revoke or alter any Order made under this section. The subsequent sections of this part of the Act provide for the service by the Department upon the occupiers of lands on which the specified weeds are found to be growing of notices requiring the destruction of the weeds, and prescribe penalties for failure to comply with the requirements of such notices as will be seen by Section 1 (1) of the Act.



the consent of the Council of each County is required before the Department can make an Order declaring the above mentioned weeds to be noxious weeds for the purposes of the Act, and can take steps for their eradication in the County.

I have to add that it is provided that the work of inspection, service of necessary notices, etc., shall be done by Officers of the Department, so that the administration of this measure will not impose any additional charges upon the rates of the County.

I have, therefore, to express the hope that your Co. Council will pass a resolution signifying their consent to the making of an Order declaring that throughout the County all the above mentioned plants are noxious weeds within the meaning of the Act.

I have to request that you will be good enough to transmit to these offices in due course a sealed copy of the resolution, if any, adopted by your Council in pursuance of Section 1 of the Act."

"The Secretary stated that at the last meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, a resolution had been adopted asking the Co. Council to request the Department to declare thistles and ragwort as noxious weeds under Section 1 of the Act."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, that the matter be adjourned for twelve months. Mr. Fanning seconded."

Mr. Brown proposed as an amendment that the following resolution of the Co. Committee of Agriculture, be adopted:-



"that the Co. Council to request the Department of Agriculture to declare thistles and ragwort, as noxious weeds under section 1 of the act."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Browne, Kinsella, John Bolger, Ennis, J. Bolger, P. Fortune, Hickey. 7.

Against:- Sir J. Esmond, James Coad, Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, J. A. Doyle, Mr. Coad, J. Asple, Mr. Doyle, J. Cummins, and the Chairman:- "

The Chairman declared the motion of Mr. Peacocke carried.

#### Fethard Pier.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:- "That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to forward their suggestions with regard to Fethard Pier to this Co. Council, without further delay."

#### Appointment of member on Asylum Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:- Mr. P. Breane, was appointed a member of the Asylum Committee in the room of Mr. D. Kavanagh resigned."

#### Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

A number of reports were received from the Constabulary with reference to various breaches of the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order of the Department of Agriculture, &c., and asking for instructions.



These had been, with the exception of a report from District Inspector O'Neill, Gorey; before the Finance Committee, who had adopted the following resolution:-

"That the question of instituting prosecutions under the autumn sheep dipping Order be referred to meeting of the Co. Council in February, and that in the meantime in order to obtain particulars as to test cases, our Secretary request from Messrs H. A. Lett, Kilgibson, Bree, John McEhan, Bondfields, New Ross, and Thomas Sinnott, Lottinhamquen Laghmorr; explanations as to why they failed to dip their sheep within the period prescribed by the Order."

"The Secretary stated that Messrs McEhan and Sinnott had not replied to his letter of 8<sup>th</sup> January but Mr. H. A. Lett, had written as follows:-

"Thanks for your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> inst., asking for an explanation as to why I did not dip my sheep within the prescribed period.

Ever since I commenced farming I have dipped my sheep twice a year, first a few days after shearing in May to destroy and insect life that may have been left on, and again in July or early August according to weather to prevent the fly striking and whenever I purchase any fresh sheep they are always dipped before being put on my pastures.

I do not blame the Co. Council for this ridiculous and most injurious Order for autumn dipping - as I am informed that they have no option but to comply with it, but whoever is responsible for the Order must know very little indeed about sheep scab and its prevention. I presume the objects aimed at are to eradicate scab, where it exists, and where it does not, to prevent it.



If scab exists two dippings are absolutely necessary, but two dippings at the times ordered by the Board of Agriculture are utterly useless, as all authorities on the disease agree that the second dipping must take place between ten and fifteen days after the first, to have the desired effect.

If there is no scab one dipping should be quite enough to keep the sheep free from it provided they do not come into contact with diseased sheep. Anyhow dipping ewes in lamb is so likely to lead to serious loss to the owner that I believe it will be better business and more humane to chance the consequences of non-autumn dipping, than to run so grave a risk."

District Inspector O'Neill, R. S. C., under date 28<sup>th</sup> January wrote:-

"In order to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council to the prosecution by the police of Mr. Shady O'Shaughnessy, of Burreigh, in this district, I beg to lay the following particulars of the detection of offences against the above Order, by him, before you.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy did not notify his intention to dip his sheep. He did not send in any declaration that he did dip them. He has no Order or authority exempting him from dipping.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1909, when asked by the Police Sergeant at Boolgareany, why he did not dip his sheep - he said - "the Co. Council don't require the sheep to be dipped. They won't prosecute the people for not dipping the last time. I dipped during the summer."

I think Mr O'Shaughnessy should be prosecuted, for, amongst other reasons, to



show him, and others who may entertain similar ideas, that the Orders are not mere formalities, but must be obeyed.

I was, and still am, under the impression that the police could prosecute under the above Order 1909, but having learned that in other police districts, detection of breaches of the Order are submitted to you, I put the matter before the Department, and was informed, that while the police had the power to prosecute of their own authority the usual course was to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council. This has caused the delay, in making this report."

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> January (no 144-10-) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, referring to recommendation of the Finance Committee wrote:-

"The Department trust that proper action will be taken in the case of any wilful offenders against the Order."

Sir J. Esmonde proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded:- "That we accept the explanation of Mr. H. A. Lest, for neglecting to dip his sheep as satisfactory, and direct that no prosecutions be carried out under the Order."

That we call the attention of the Department to the fact that the autumn sheep dipping Order in this County is not necessary, and inflict unnecessary hardship on the sheep owners of the County."

Mr. Fanning proposed, Sir J. Esmonde seconded:- "That we request the Co. Inspector of R. I. C., to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council before taking proceedings against persons for breaches of the sheep dipping Orders."

Passed.



Proposed Purchase of Kerlogue Quarry.

The following letter from Mr. Edward Davis, Castlebridge, was considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan'y:-

"The Committee that visited my quarry at Kerlogue asked me to write you stating what price I will sell the quarry for. If it suited the Council, I would rather sell only a portion of it, but if not I will sell it for £300."

The following is the recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

"We recommend the Council to purchase Kerlogue Quarry, from Mr. Edward Davis, Castlebridge, at a sum not exceeding £200."

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Mr. Edward Davis, Castlebridge:-

"Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult., received in due course. In answer, I beg to say, that to meet the Council, I will take £250 for the quarry."

I would like to direct the attention of the Council to the hardness and general quality of the stone, and also to the fact that the stones can be quarried far more cheaply than in the quarries mentioned by you."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the recommendation of the Finance Committee, offering Mr. Edward Davis £200 for Kerlogue quarry was confirmed, subject to satisfactory proof of title being furnished by the vendor."

Mr. Davis came before the meeting and accepted the offer. He stated he would be prepared to hand over the quarry at the meeting of the Co. Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May."



Complaint re Stones

under date 12<sup>th</sup> January, a letter was read from Mr Edward Copeland, Coole House, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny; complaining that on the 8<sup>th</sup> January when at 6 o'clock p.m., he was driving into New Ross, between the town and Mr Roche's gate, there was a load of stones across the middle of the road at the depot, leaving only 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet width from road scraping on footpath side. He was passing another car at this point when the wheel of his trap went up on the load of stones. He was pitched out on the road injuring his shoulder and arm, two coats were destroyed and a suit of clothes was rendered worthless. If the things were not replaced he threatened to put the matter into the hands of a Solicitor.

Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor; in reply stated there was no load of stones thrown on the road at anytime. There was ample room for two cars to pass at any portion of the road.

"The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:- "That the letter of Mr Copeland and Mr Jones's reply be referred to Mr Elgu, Solicitor."

The following letter under date 1<sup>st</sup> February addressed to Mr Jones, was read from Mr Copeland:  
 "In answer to your letter I received a week ago, I got no word from the County Surveyor. I wrote to the Sec. of the Co. Council and got an answer from him saying he would bring it before the meeting. But I did not hear from him since, you must excuse my last letter being written to Mr Healy, it was a mistake, as a person told me that Mr Healy was the



to write to, and I am a stranger to this part, I did not know. I would like to have a satisfactory reply before end of week as to whether my things are to be replaced, as I have plenty of witnesses to prove the state of our things the night we were pitched over, and where the load of stones was, and they could be trimmed up since, no two cars could pass in 9½ feet, I am determined to bring the matter before a court if my things are not replaced."

"Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor."

— Maintenance of a road. —

The following letter under date 8<sup>th</sup> February from Messrs Bolger & Gethin, Solicitors, New Ross; was read:-

"Our client, Mr. Michael Kelly, of Rathmure upper, has requested us, to bring under the notice of the Co. Council, through you, the following matters in connection with his contract no 79, for keeping in repair 706 perches of the road from Thomas Breen's house to Gurraun crossroads - It appears from the specification for this contract that the quantity of stones to be applied for the maintenance of this road is 70 cubic yards per annum, and the quantity of stones applied for the road for last year was according to the Assistant Co. Surveyor's measurement 77½ cubic yards being 7½ cubic yards in excess of the quantity required by the specification, but owing to the manner in which the road has been cut up since last August by the timber traffic from Coolbawn Woods, it appears that this quantity of stones is insufficient. In order that the Council may have some idea of the extent of this traffic, we enclose a certificate from the manager of the timber works



which shows that the average traffic is 25 tons per day or 7800 tons per year.

When the entire 77½ cubic yards had been put out, Mr. Kelly reported the matter to the Co. Surveyor, and informed him that the road was still in a very bad state, and he also told Mr. Gaffney that he would put out 20 cubic yards additional. Mr. Kelly now states he has actually put out 25 cubic yards thus making 32½ cubic yards beyond the quantity mentioned, and he hopes that the Co. Council will not deprive him of any part of his salary for the maintenance of the road, owing to the very exceptional and unexpected circumstances which have arisen and which alone have been the cause of the contract not being satisfactorily performed.

"On the motion of Mr. M. Coad, seconded by Mr. Asple, the letter was referred to the Co. Surveyor to see if he could meet the contractor's wishes in any way."

#### Trimming Hedges on side of Road.

The following letter under date 8th February, from Mr. Joseph Morrison, Ballinatore Hill, Terns; was read for the meeting:-

"Kindly lay the subject of this letter before the Co. Council and oblige."

With reference to a notice to trim hedges, etc., which has been served on me by Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, who has the contract for the roads running thro' my farms. Now I decidedly object to the mode of slashing and trimming he has been instructed to adopt, as he has spoiled the fence and shelter for cattle and sheep a good deal, cutting the thorns and bushes in on top of the ditches, fully 3 yards from the edge of the road, and in some cases more, so that in one instance



my cows commenced to jump out on to the road. Now I warn the Co. Council if any of my cattle are in anyway hurt by jumping out, I shall take an action for damages.

In my thinking it would be more to the point if the Co. Surveyor and the officials under him paid more attention to the actual repairs of the roads, and having a sufficient quantity of stones put on to cope with the amount of traffic caused by so many traction engines passing to and fro with stones and other heavy stuff. In fact the roads which I am acquainted with round here are almost impassable for carts and other vehicles, not to speak of cycles and pedestrians. I fail to see where the rates are being expended, and I think it is time the ratepayers made a stand against such a state of things.

"Referred to Co. Surveyor."

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor, relative to Courtown Harbour:—

"With reference to the object of the deputation from Courtown Harbour you saw on Friday last, I went to the Harbour yesterday and saw the Harbour master, Father O'Rourke, and some fishermen. There can be no doubt that there is a bar in the channel about 60 yards from the seaward end of the S. pier.

It is very shallow along the S. pier but there is more water on the opposite side. There is a difference of opinion as to how it got there. The fishermen assert that it came through the S. pier which I understand is constructed mostly of dry rubble. They also assert that there is



a hole which was stopped about two years ago. I did not, myself, think that any appreciable quantity of shingle comes through the pier.

The bar, I think, is formed from material forced up the approach channel from its mouth, and dredging seems to be the best way to remove it.

The sluice gates, I am told, are not at present very efficient and this helps to account for the present state of the bar. I was told that access to the harbour was until recently very good, at least for the last three months.

Unfortunately it was about high tide when I was there and I was unable to examine the piers properly. I will pay another visit there in March when there are some very low tides. After that I hope to know a good deal more about the state of things, but at present information is very scanty.

However I am in communication with Mr. Oliver, of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, who I hear has gone carefully into the matter."

In connection with the repairs of sluicing gates at Courtown Harbour, the Courtown Harbour Committee wrote that the months of June or July would be most suitable time for the repairs.

They hoped when once commenced the work would be carried on with all possible expedition.

In reply to this a communication was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, that they would have the work carried out in June and they expected to have it finished in about a week."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be requested to procure suitable



dredging plant for Courtown Harbour. We desire to point out to the Department that there is at present a dredger in possession of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, which is suitable for clearing out the Harbours of Courtown and Kilmort."

— Discharging Boats - Courtown Harbour —

In connection with the state of the discharging boats at Courtown Harbour, the local committee, called the attention of the Co. Council to the fact that two of them were declared in the previous March, by a committee of the Co. Council, to be in a dangerous condition, and not worth repairing. The committee had recommended that two new ones should be procured, and tenders asked from Wexford and Wicklow boat builders.

The following is the minute of the Co. Council committee:-

"With regard to the boat discharging boats we have carefully examined the four boats of this class, the property of the Council, and have satisfied ourselves that two of them are past repair and unfit for further use. We therefore support the proposal of the Courtown Harbour Committee that tenders for two boats should be invited in Arklow and Wexford."

The Finance Committee at their meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January, adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the question of the procuring of two discharging boats for Courtown Harbour be referred to Co. Council meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February, and that in the meantime our Secretary ascertain from the Courtown Harbour Master what revenue per annum was derived from



these boats, what the scantling of timber for the proposed boats, was to be, the size of timber, the thickness of plank, and if it was proposed they should be constructed of larch."

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> January the following letter was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master:-

"In reply to yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., re new discharging boats, I beg to inform you that none of the boats in use at present are built of larch, in fact three of them are built with common deal, with elm ribs, not at all satisfactory, particularly the ribs, which should be of Oak.

The last boat built here by the watchman-Thomas Byrne- is a very good one, and the following is the timber used- Planking pitch pine, planking 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches Elm ribs 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  (but should be Oak) Keel- beach. as to the scantling and size of timber- Byrne does not properly understand what is meant, but he says that any boat builder will understand from measurements and description of timber, what is required.

The boats are not free on payment of ordinary dues, the charge is 4<sup>d</sup>. per ton for every ton of stuff landed, and for every ton of ballast put on board any vessel outside the ordinary harbour dues which is 2<sup>d</sup>. per ton. The amount earned by the four boats up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1909, was £50. 18/-."

Mr. Kinsella moved:- "That the Bowtown Harbour Committee be requested to advertise for two coal discharging boats and submit the tenders, when received, to the Finance Committee."

Sir Thomas Emond seconded the resolution which was adopted.



The Newtownbarry & Blohamon Road.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> January 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Lest, Hotel, Ferns:

"Would you kindly draw the attention of the Co. Council and Surveyor, to the very bad state of the road between Newtownbarry and Blohamon. One of my best horses fell outside Newtownbarry on the night of January 7<sup>th</sup> coming with the mails from Blonagal, owing to the wretched road. My two mail bars pass this road 4 times every day - twice when it is dark. If anything like this occur again, I must seek compensation from your Council. The mail bar drivers are both steady careful men, but, as you know, they are limited to time, and must drive quickly."

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

Erection of Telegraph Poles.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> January 1910, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Superintending Engineer, Post Office Dublin; wrote asking for the permission of the Wexford Co. Council to erect two telegraph poles in William Street, Gorey; the Postmaster General undertaking to make good any damage which might be done."

"On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the permission asked for was granted."

Conveyance of Horses (S) Order.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded copy of "Conveyance of Horses Ireland Order of 1909." marked "Read."



Election Expenses Committee.

The Secretary stated that a special meeting of the Committee to consider the schedules of Election Expenses, was summoned for 12<sup>th</sup> January but no one turned up. He suggested that the matter should be referred to a special meeting of the Finance Committee.

"On the motion of the Chairman, the question of considering the changes in the scales of expenses for County, and District Councillors etc., was referred to the Finance Committee."

Deposits with Tenders.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. Aidan A. Connolly Clerk Rural District Council, Enniscorthy:-

"The District Council at their meeting on Thursday last, had under consideration the resolution of your Council, re non Bond Fide Tenders. It was decided in future, a deposit of 10/- should accompany each tender, said sum to be forfeited should the contractor not answer or fail to perfect his Bond. How do you manage, do you give a receipt for each lodgment, and then pay back, on production of receipt."

marked "Read."

Alleged Tree Cutting.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> November 1909, a letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors Wexford, for Mr. R. H. Pearse, Kilmallock; stating that Mr. Jackman, Road Contractor, cut trees belonging to Mr. Pearse, doing damage to the extent of £50, and threatening proceedings within a week if the money was not paid.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., forwarded the following letter from Mr. Pearse:-



"I wish you to proceed against the County Council and Mr. Jackman, Road Contractor, for cutting trees on my land, and regarding which I have already instructed you. I take it the Co. Council have not answered your application for payment."

Referred to Mr. Elger, Solicitor

### Change of Surety.

Mr. J. Forrestal, D. C., Rathmore, surety for William Doyle, Rathduff, Kiltanne, Road Contractor; wrote asking that the name of Mr. Jeremiah Morrissey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, be substituted for his."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe: "That we confirm our resolution agreeing to substitute the name of Mr. Jeremiah Murphy, Rathmore, Kiltanne; as security for William Doyle, Contractor, for Road No. 118 (Ennisecorthy District) provided that Mr. Doyle and his sureties enter into a new bond with the Secretary of the Co. Council previous to our next meeting."

### Polling Districts.

With reference to the proposed alteration of Parliamentary Polling Districts the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:—"That the question of altering the Parliamentary polling districts be referred to the Finance Committee (whom we hereby constitute as a committee under article 3 of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order 1909 in connection with the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908.) and that the Finance Committee consider the advisability of preparing a scheme to have the parliamentary and county and district council areas the same, for election purposes."



creamery managers & Department of Agriculture &c.  
 under date 25<sup>th</sup> November 1909 a lengthy communication was received from the Secretary of the Irish Creamery managers' Association complaining that the Department of Agriculture had in 1907 appointed as Creamery Instructor "an individual who had no experience in any capacity whatever" while the Department refuses to give certificates to creamery managers unless they have twelve months experience as managers and pass an examination in Physical Science, Dairy, Technology, Bacteriology, Engineering and Business methods. The Department had refused to consider representations from the Irish Creamery managers' Association as to future appointments of Instructors, and the latter asked the Co. Council to pass a resolution demanding that all subordinate positions should be filled by competitive examination from among qualified candidates."

adjourned.

Duncannon Hulk

under date 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. W. Bruen, caretaker of the Hulk at Duncannon:-

"I beg to inform you the Hulk is badly damaged after the last gale of north west wind, all the decks are badly shaken also the tressel work inside the Hulk supporting the stage is badly damaged, and one chain burst. a most particular chain. all the moorings will soon want seeing to, there are some of them getting very bad.

There is also one of the life-buoy covers wanting renewing the covering is all rotting away.

The lamps on the quay also want repairing



all the outside glasses, when the wind is very high they blow in altogether, and then the inside glasses break. I have them fastened with bits of wood to try and keep them in their places."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor on the motion of the Chairman."

— alleged flooding of a Road. —

under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Charles Barty of Ballinglen, Gorey; Farmer, to apply to your Council for the sum of £23 for damages caused to him on the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., by the flooding of his Piggery and outhouses, which resulted in the drowning of twelve pigs, four dozen of fowl. This was caused by the defective state of the Public road leading from the top of Kilmurry hill to Kilcavan. Our client's house is distant about 30 perches from the Public road and there is no water table at the side of the road next the land of Mr. Golden, the result being that the water overflows the road and runs down the laneway which leads to our client's Houses. This damage has been caused through your Council having neglected to make a gullet to carry off the water. We are informed that the Road Contractor sometime ago, asked the Deputy Surveyor, Mr. Paddle, to apply to have a gullet made, but that gentleman said that nothing could be allowed for the purpose. Your Council are clearly liable for the damages, and if the claim be not settled our instructions are to proceed for the coming Q. Sessions."



Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, wrote :-  
 "With reference to messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co.,  
 claim on behalf of Mr. Charles Barty of  
 Ballinglen, Gorey. I beg to state for the  
 information of the Co. Council, the first  
 intimation of any complaint made by Charles  
 Barty, I received, was from the Road  
 Contractor (Michael Spencer.).

When I received the information it was  
 too late to make a proposal in the ordinary  
 way for the District Council meeting. I  
 did not consider it a case in which I  
 would be justified in issuing a S. O. O.  
 for a gullet, there was no indication to  
 show of a sudden injury being done. In  
 fact I never saw any water or any trace  
 of any injury being done by water there,  
 until this recent flood occurred, which I  
 understand was one of the largest within  
 the memory of some of the oldest inhabitants  
 there.

The place is the same as far as I under-  
 stand as it has been for a considerable  
 number of years.

Mr. Barty's avenue leading to his house  
 is considerably under the road level. At the  
 opposite side of road the land is consider-  
 ably over the level of the road. At this side  
 and nearly opposite to Mr. Barty's avenue is  
 a lane leading to Mrs. Golden's house. Where  
 this lane abuts on the public road it  
 crosses the water-table without any gullet  
 under it, there is a defective gullet under  
 this lane at the land side, and the  
 contractor told me he spoke to Mrs. Golden  
 about opening this gullet but she refused.  
 At the south side of this lane is a pipe-hole  
 through the road fence; and indications would  
 go to show, the water which caused the



damage to Mr. Barty came through this pipe-hole, as well as through Mrs. Golden's gateway.

I enclose rough sketch which may make the matter clearer."

"The Finance Committee at their meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Council, with instructions to defend any proceedings which might be brought by Mr. Barty."

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> January 1910, Mr. Elgee wrote:-

"I have heard nothing further from Messrs. O'Connor & Co., as to this claim and as the time for serving a Civil Bill for the coming Gorey Sessions has expired I presume that he does not intend to proceed."

"The recommendation of the Finance Committee in the matter was confirmed on the recommendation of the Chairman."

No order was made as Mr. Fanning stated that Mr. Barty had informed him that he did not intend to proceed any further in the manner."

— Catholics & Department of Agriculture etc. —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December, Mr. P. J. Lawrence Hon Sec., Catholic Defence Society, 16 Rutland Sq., Dublin, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to enclose particulars regarding the unfair treatment accorded to the Catholic officials serving in the Veterinary Branch of the Irish Agricultural Department."

The Cork Co. Council at their meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1909 directed their Secretary to write to the Vice President of the Department and ask for an explanation in connection with this matter.

might I ask you to be good enough to lay



the particulars before your Council, as soon as possible for such action as may be deemed necessary.

If your Council would follow the lead given by Cork, and write, too, to Mr. Russell for an explanation, good results would no doubt follow."

adjourned.

— Shivebawn Quarry. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors, for Thomas Bullen, Shivebawn, Monasud, Gorey :-

"We have now heard from our client and he is satisfied to pay the Land Commission a sum of £4 in redemption of annuity in respect of the plot purchased by the Co. Council.

We are prepared to give you our undertaking to have our client's title to the entire holding registered. Under these circumstances will you send us cheque for £30 being the purchase money of the Quarry Plot.

We shall send you our client's receipt for the amount. Please let us hear from you."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kivisella, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the expenditure of £30 in connection with Shivebawn Quarry be a county at large charge, from which urban districts are exempt."

"That the sum of £30 be handed Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, when Mr. Elger reports that title etc., has been satisfactorily made and when the Co. Council have obtained possession of the Quarry."



The Roads Committee.

under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, the following letter was read from Mr. W. J. Tomkins, Seaview, Clonavan, Ebury :-

"Just a line to ask if there is any Roads Committee, and so when they have meeting. There is a lot of talk about improvement in roads. I want them to come visit the roads in this district at once, if possible.

I would like to meet them if they will come."

adjourned.

Appointment of Roads Committee.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed :- "That the Roads Committee be re-appointed and that the vacancy caused by Mr. Ennis's resignation be filled by Mr. J. J. Kehoe."

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Kavanagh, was filled by the appointment of Mr. Briane."

Prosecution of Road Contractors

The Co. Surveyor obtained the permission of the Council to prosecute the following Road Contractors :- Joseph Bullen, George Leigh, John Kenny, Joseph Bolger, James Goodall, John Quirke."

Rate Collection

The recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the state of the Rate Collection, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman.

Ballon School Attendance Committee

The following resolution was received from Balloon (as Barlow) School Attendance Committee :-



"That the attention of the Wexford Co. Council is hereby called to the irregular attendance of the children of that county attending bonnegal schools, and that we request them to communicate with the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee on this matter with a view to improvement"

This resolution was forwarded Enniscorthy R.D. School attendance committee which forwarded the following resolution in reply:-

"That on receipt of names and addresses of defaulting children, our officer will proceed in the matter. The Ballon officer to supply necessary evidence for conviction".

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution received from the Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee, to the Secretary of the Ballon School attendance committee."

#### Proposed Labourers' Bill.

The Secretary General Council of Irish Co. Councils, forwarded for the approval of the council copy of draft Labourers' Bill, providing for payment by instalments of rates on labourers cottages."

adjourned.

#### Sanction of Proposals.

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

"That the several proposals for payment sent up by the Proposal Committee be adopted subject to the modifications noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."



On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Leacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-  
 "That we approve of Proposal No. 124 for expenditure of £48 to put down Borings at River Bed at Ferryarrig. Work to be given in charge of Co. Surveyor."

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

"That we approve of the transfers to the Public Bodies of the County under article 16 of the Public Bodies Order as recommended by the Finance Committee."

#### ——— Tobacco Growing. ———

The following resolution was received from Irish Co. Councils General Council:-

"That this Council consider the help given by the Government to the development of the Tobacco Growing Industry in Ireland, totally inadequate, and call for a much more liberal assistance in the restoration of the industry crushed out of existence by legislation eighty years ago. That this Council further consider the Excise regulations regarding this crop unreasonable oppressive and restrictive."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe."

#### ——— Finger Post. ———

The following resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That the Co. Council be requested to have a Finger Post erected at the crossroads at the Chapel of Bushinstown."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor, who was directed to bring in a proposal for this, and any



other finger posts, which he considers urgently  
required.

Edmund Stone