

Meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> October 1912.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1912.

Present :- Mr John Bolger, Chairman (Presiding)  
Other members :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, Mr. Gough, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, Mr. Doyle Jr., J. L. Esmonde, James A. Doyle, J. J. Mayler, A. Kinsella, Mark Coad, J. Aspley, James Coad, David Sinnott.

Dr. Browne, Medical Inspector of Local Government Board; Mr. C. D. Oliver, Engineer of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction; The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Late Mr Michael Browne.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Gough, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we offer our heartfelt condolence to Mrs Browne, Bridgetown; and family, in the loss sustained by them through the death of our late colleague - Mr Michael Browne. During his many years as a member of our Council, Mr Browne endeared himself to his conferees, while his ability, honesty, and uprightness were of the greatest possible assistance

in the deliberations of the Council.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mrs. Browne."

### Death of Harbour master's Security.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. C. J. Walker, Ballymaguire, one of the sureties of Mr. Edward O'Flaherty, Harbour master, Kilmore. Mr. O'Flaherty submitted the name of Mr. William Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, vice that of Mr. Walker.

"Adjourned."

### Rate collector N. O'H. Walsh's Security.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Joseph Ennis, one of the sureties of Mr. N. O'H. Walsh Rate collector, was deceased.

Mr. Walsh submitted the name of Mr. Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford, vice that of Mr. Ennis.

"Adjourned."

### Solicitor's costs.

Ordered, on the motion of the Chairman, "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Requisition to tax the miscellaneous costs of our Solicitor, for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1912, and also to the Requisition to tax his costs of carrying out the purchase of a plot of ground on Salville for the use of the District Lunatic Asylum."

### Establishment of Tuberculosis Dispensaries Etc.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> July 1912, the following letter No 34342 Wexford Co., was read from the Local

Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings on the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, of the special committee appointed by the Wexford County Council to draft a scheme, in connection with the National Insurance Act, 1911, for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis within the county; and the Board desire to state that the scheme recommended by the committee appears to be drawn up on satisfactory lines.

With regard to the proposal to use as tuberculosis Dispensaries existing Dispensary buildings provided in connection with the medical charities act, I am to state that the Board will not raise any objection thereto if the consent of the Boards of Guardians and medical officers concerned is obtained."

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1912, the following letter No 42423-1912, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland note from the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, that the County Council have postponed, until their meeting in October, further consideration of the proposed scheme of arrangements, in connection with the National Insurance Act 1911, for the treatment of persons in the county suffering from tuberculosis.

The Board would urge the County Council to deal with the matter at an early date, as it is important that no time should be lost in providing facilities for the administration of sanatorium benefit under the

Insurance Act, and even when the main features of the County scheme have been agreed upon, there will be numerous points of detail to be settled.

The Board would recommend the County Council to take steps without delay for the appointment of a Tuberculosis officer who will be placed in charge of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, when established, in order that his advice and assistance may be available when the detailed arrangements for the working of the system are under consideration.

The Board would remind the County Council of the qualifications of such an officer, as prescribed in their Order of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo and explained in their circular letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> idem."

The Local Government Board under date 27<sup>th</sup> August wrote, (letter No. 45898-1913 Miscellaneous) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to advert to their circular letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> May last relative to the Parliamentary Grant in aid of institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis, and I am to state that after further consideration of the best mode of distribution the Board have decided, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that a sum of £120,000 may now be allocated to County areas in Ireland upon the basis of population. The share of this sum which is assigned towards the establishment of sanatoria and dispensaries in County Wexford is £2795 : 9 : 7.

A further sum of £20,000 representing the amount advanced to the Women's National

Health Association has still to be allocated, and its ultimate apportionment will depend upon the ascertainment of the county areas which have benefited by the schemes to be carried out by the association. In the event of the county council having entered into an arrangement with the Women's National Health Association, the Board would be glad to be informed of the nature and extent of such arrangement with a view to the correct apportionment of the cost among the counties concerned. Any sum which is found to have been expended by the association for the benefit of any particular county area, will be deducted from the share of that county, and an equivalent amount will then be set free for further distribution upon a population basis in the same manner as the portion of the Grant now dealt with.

The sum credited to the several county areas will be applicable to the capital expenses of institutions provided in accordance with schemes submitted within a reasonable time by county councils and approved by the Board. The Grant earmarked to each county area will be issued by instalments, and subject to the condition that each previous instalment shall have been applied for the purpose specified in the application. Such application should be made by the county council where the institution is to be established by them, or in other cases by any voluntary association making provision for tuberculous patients by agreement with and on behalf of a county council. In all cases where arrangements for treating tuberculous are

undertaken by a voluntary association, payment of so much of the Sanatorium Grant, as is applicable to the capital cost of the institution so provided, will be made to the voluntary association concerned, and the amount will be debited to the County share of the Grant.

The Board wish it to be understood that the sum available from the Sanatorium Grant is not to be regarded as representing the full financial provision needed for the treatment of Tuberculosis, and trust the Council will not limit their scheme to the amount allocated from the Grant, but that bearing in mind the vital importance to the County of a comprehensive and efficient scheme for the prevention and treatment of this formidable disease they will base their contributions under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act upon the actual needs of the people and will supplement the Grant by whatever contribution from the rates may be necessary to provide adequate treatment for all sufferers within their area.

The Board trust that County Councils with this information before them will be now enabled to consider the final details of the schemes which are in course of preparation, and to proceed with their execution at an early date.

If after the lapse of a reasonable interval the proportion now allotted to any County area remains in whole or in part unexpended, the amount will be liable to be re-distributed in such manner as may appear to the Board, after consultation with the Treasury, to be proper."

M<sup>rs</sup> Charlotte Damer, Private Secretary to

H. E. Lady Aberdeen, forwarded under date 20<sup>th</sup> September correspondence between the Sub-committee of the conjoint committee of the British medical association, and the Irish medical association, and the Women's National Health association of Ireland.

In connection with the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer, the following resolution was received from Dr. W. W. Murphy, Coolgreany; Hon Sec to the Co. Wexford medical committee:-

"That we would suggest that the Tuberculosis officer should be a pathologist and expert bacteriologist and that he should be fully equipped by having a laboratory, and microscopic outfit; that his services as specialist should be at the disposal of any medical Practitioner in the County for the bacteriological examination of tubercular or any other bacillary disease; that he should prove himself an expert before being eligible for the position of Tuberculosis officer, and that provided these conditions are carried out we are of opinion the officer appointed should be of inestimable value to the Profession and general public."

On the same subject the conjoint committee appointed to represent the medical Profession forwarded the following resolution:-

"The Sanatorium Sub-committee having learned that some County Councils are advertising for Chief Tuberculosis officers at salaries which are unquestionably inadequate desire to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to the

fact that in fixing the minimum salary for such officers at £400 per annum, they were solely influenced by the consideration that a few counties in Ireland were both poor and small, and that possibly the minimum of £500 might be somewhat unreasonable in such cases, the opinion of the committee was undoubtedly in favour of the contention that in the large majority of the counties the suggested minimum (£500) laid down in the Astor Report should be adhered to."

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> September, the following resolution was read from South Tipperary Co. Council:-

"That our Secretary be requested to invite the Co. Councils Munster with the adjoining county councils, to send representatives to a conference to be held at the Limerick Junction on an early convenient date to consider in full detail the question of erecting suitable sanatoria for the South of Ireland."

With reference to provision of buildings etc., the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Board of Works:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to forward herewith particulars of disused Coast Guard Stations in County Wexford which are available for sale or letting."

These buildings might possibly be found suitable for convalescent homes or sanatoria in connection with the administration of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the Board will be prepared to consider offers on behalf of the Admiralty for the disposal of their interest. The Board will be happy to supply any further information

required by the Council."

"The price of the houses referred to in the communication were- For Chief Officers house- £300; and for each of four other houses- £85 each."

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> September, the following letter was read from Mr. John R. Orpen, Hon Sec., Royal National Hospital for Consumption Newcastle, Co. Wicklow:-

"I desire again to bring before the notice of your Council (or Committee) the views of the Board of Governors of this Hospital in regard to the National Insurance Act, 1911.

As already mentioned in my letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of June, addressed to the various Co. Councils and other Local Bodies in Ireland, the Board have had under consideration the National Insurance Act, (1911) so far as it deals with the treatment of consumption, together with the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis rendered necessary by that Act, and they have also had the advantage of seeing a copy of the Circular dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1912, which has, they understand been sent by direction of the Local Government Board, to County Councils and other bodies in Ireland.

The Board are anxious to do their part in co-operating cordially and at once in establishing the comprehensive scheme for the treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which is therein indicated and suggested, or such as may be ultimately approved by the proper authorities.

So far as a voluntary sanatorium such as this is concerned, the course suggested

would appear to be, that an arrangement should be entered into between the Sanatorium and one or more County Councils or Committees for the reception and treatment of a certain number of insured persons affected with tubercular disease.

In furtherance therefore of this suggestion the Board of the Hospital are prepared to enter into arrangements with any Co. Council, or other local authority to receive patients affected with Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and to allocate such beds as may be required by such County or local authority on the terms of the payment of £1: 1/- a week, per bed for such term, being not less than three years, as may be agreed upon; it being understood that advanced cases will not be received, having regard to the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis, in which it is indicated that separate provision should be made for such cases.

You are doubtless aware that the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis in their Interim Report have estimated the probable cost of maintenance for each insured person at from 2/- to 3/- per week.

In naming the low sum of £1: 1/-, the Board have been actuated by a desire to receive patients who may be sent to them by the different County Councils and other local authorities on the very lowest terms that will be consistent with maintaining the Hospital without loss.

In addition to being received at such minimum expense to the local authorities, amounting per bed to Fifty-two guineas a year, such local authorities as may desire to enter into the agreement indicated above

will have the advantage of sending patients at once, and without delay and expense of procuring sanatorium accommodation elsewhere, to an Institution fully equipped in every particular.

The Hospital contains over 100 beds, and the Board are prepared to add to that number should additional beds be required.

There is an experienced Lady Superintendent with a full staff of Nurses, and there are two Resident medical Officers, and the accommodation offered to patients both as regards the situation, Grounds, wards, and Recreation Rooms, is of a character that benefits a sanatorium established as this one was sixteen years ago to be a National Sanatorium for the whole of Ireland.

I may add that in order to facilitate the admission of Insured persons, the Board have decided to dispense with the usual further medical examination at this office prior to admission in the case of such insured persons who have already been examined and recommended for sanatorium treatment by the Tuberculosis medical officer of a County Insurance Committee, as they assume that cases in the advanced stages of the disease, and for whom special treatment is recommended by the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis already referred to, will not be sent for treatment at this Hospital.

I trust that you will take an early opportunity of bringing these considerations to the notice of your Council."

The following resolution of the Wexford Co., Insurance Committee, was laid before the meeting:-

"That the Wexford County Council be informed that if they establish their scheme for Sanatorium Benefit for insured persons, this Committee will be prepared to contribute two thirds of the cost of the maintenance of the tuberculosis dispensaries, and three-fifths of the cost of the amount to be charged by the governing body of Newcastle Sanatorium, provided the funds at the disposal of the Committee will enable them to contribute the amounts represented by these proportions."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded:-

"That the scheme so far as it deals with the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer at a salary of £400 per annum and travelling expenses at £100 per annum, be agreed to and that the other details of the scheme be referred back to the Special Committee for re-consideration."

As an amendment, Mr. James Bodd proposed and Mr. Asple seconded:-

"That we postpone the consideration of this matter until the County Council are in a position to ascertain the total amount of the maintenance account for the whole scheme."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For amendment:- Messrs Sinnott, James Bodd, Rossiter, Gough, Lynch, Mr. Doyle, Asple, Connolly, J. A. Doyle, Mayler, and Mr. Bodd. - 11

against:- Messrs Kinsella, Peacocke, Fanning, and the Chairman. - 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

"During the course of the discussion Mr. Browne strongly urged on the Council the necessity of adopting the scheme of the Committee and pointing out that the Council were running the risk of losing the Parliamentary Grant by delay."

### Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> October 1912, (Letter No. 8,287/12.F.B.) the following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of proposals for improving the accommodation for fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Waterford County Council, that a conference took place between the Department's Engineer, and the County Surveyor, as the result of which the scheme was devised which is set forth in the accompanying plan. The estimated cost of carrying out the scheme is £820, and the Department are prepared to provide one-third the actual expenditure within a limit of £275."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded the following resolution:-

"That we agree to take over Ballyhack Boat Slip from the Waterford Harbour

commissioners, and approve of the plan submitted by Mr. Oliver, Engineer to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and Mr. Barry, our County Surveyor, on condition that the Department contribute half the cost of the scheme. That the Department be requested to carry out the work."

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
 For:- Messrs Sinnott, J. Codd, A. Kinsella, M. Gough, C. A. Peacocke, Fanning, Emond, Asple, J. A. Doyle, M. Codd, and the Chairman:-  
 against:- Messrs Rossiter, Lynch, M. Doyle Jr., J. J. Mayler. 4.

"The resolution was then declared carried."

### Blackwater Harbour.

The following letter under date 8<sup>th</sup> October (No 8, 242/12, F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the reply given in the House of Commons on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, last, by the Chief Secretary to Sir Thomas Emond's question relative to the improvement of the landing accommodation at Blackwater, I have to forward, herewith, to be laid before the Wexford Co. Council, a plan of a work that would possibly meet the necessities of the fishing community at Blackwater. The cost of carrying out the work is estimated at £2,283.

The design submitted is only a preliminary one, and the details would have to be worked out by the County Surveyor and the Department's Engineer. It would be necessary to take borings in order to make sure of the length of the piles required."

On the motion of Mr. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

That as recommended by our County Surveyor the plans submitted by the Department of Agriculture be approved.

That the Department be requested to furnish full details and drawings on the lines of this plan. That this approval is subject to any sum over and above £1,000 being contributed either by the Department or the Development Commissioners.

That the Department be requested to urge the claims of this Harbour for financial support on the Development Commissioners. That the Department be requested to take steps to have this work executed."

### The Deep's Bridge.

In connection with the proposed erection of new bridge at "The Deep's" the following report of Special Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1912, a resolution was adopted appointing Messrs Peacocke, Stafford, Ricci, Hearn, James Codd, J. Asple, P. Rossiter, and the Chairman of the Council, in conjunction with Mr. Barry, County Surveyor; and Mr. Elger, Solicitor; as a Committee, to consider the principle upon which the new bridge at The Deep's will be erected, and the question of the establishment of some means of transit for pedestrians between shore and shore, during the erection of the new bridge.

The Committee met on 20<sup>th</sup> September when the following were in attendance:-  
Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding;

messrs B. H. Leacocke, James J. Stafford, Patrick Rossiter, James Bodd, J. Asple,

The Secretary to the Council, and the Co. Surveyor were also present.

Mr. Hearn and Mr. Elgee were unable to attend.

The County Surveyor submitted designs etc., from four firms connected with ferro-concrete construction.

The matter having been discussed at great length, the following resolution was adopted:

Proposed by Mr. Leacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter :-

"That we approve of the principle of the Indented Bar and Concrete Engineering Co., for the construction of new bridge at the Deeps, provided the County Council considers the price reasonable, and subject to a satisfactory report of the County Surveyor as to the calculations made by the company in arriving at their estimate."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

The County Surveyor brought before the meeting of the Deeps Bridge Committee, the following letter from Mr. Robert Colhoun, contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge :-

"I herewith enclose you statement of my outlay in connection with the construction of the Ferryarrig Bridge. I regret delay which was occasioned by taking general stock and having audit taken."

This statement, as you will see, represents my actual outlay, and when a profit of 100% is added, it leaves me very much out of pocket. I am putting these figures before you, hoping, as you suggested and

and as I would also desire, that your Council will meet me fairly in the matter, as this extra expense was caused by want of instructions, and delay in deciding about vital matters in the construction of the Contract.

I will be glad to meet you or your Committee anytime we can agree as to a convenient day."

Statement of actual cost of carrying out works at construction Ferry carrig Bridge, including abutments & approaches up to 26<sup>th</sup> July 1912 :-

|                                                                                |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| material                                                                       | £3727 : 2 : 11 |
| wages.                                                                         | 3485 : 4 : 3   |
| Amount of Bascule<br>(Plus amount of Extras on Bascule<br>not yet ascertained) | 1144 : 10 : 0  |
| Estimated amount to complete.                                                  | 500 : 0 : 0    |
|                                                                                | £8860 : 12 : 2 |
| Contractor's profit 10%.                                                       | 886 : 1 : 2    |
|                                                                                | £9746 : 13 : 4 |
| Less for old material £100.                                                    |                |
| " " cranes & machinery 350                                                     | 450 : 0 : 0    |
|                                                                                | £9296 : 13 : 4 |
| Credit :-                                                                      |                |
| By amount of Contract <sup>Bridge</sup> £5290.                                 |                |
| " " " " approaches 578.                                                        |                |
| " " " " abutments 360                                                          | 6228 : 0 : 0   |
|                                                                                | 3068 : 13 : 4  |
| " " " " Extra Work                                                             | 25 : 8 : 10½   |
| Loss....                                                                       | £3043 : 4 : 5½ |

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

"That our County Surveyor inform Mr. Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of Ferry carrig Bridge, that the claim

submitted by him in his letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1912, to the County Surveyor, is preposterous, and could not possibly be entertained by the Council."

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On the motion of Mr. Lynch.

Seconded by Mr. Asple, the following resolution from the Proposal Committee was agreed to:-

"That we approve of the adoption of the design of Messrs Walker & Delap, for the erection of a Ferro-concrete Bridge at the Deeps, provided a tender can be obtained at a sum not exceeding £5,000; said tender to cover the Ferro-concrete work of the Bridge proper, the opening span, Engineer's fees, and the maintenance of Foot traffic during the erection of the Bridge."

### Payment of motor Duties

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> October, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"In pursuance of your directions, I applied to 39 Owners of motor Cars or motor Bicycles, as the case might be, requesting them to pay the Excise Duty due by them on such Cars, or Bicycles, or to account for its non-payment. Of these 22 have paid the Duty, or accounted for its non-payment, and there are 17 outstanding, who have taken no notice of the application - their names are in the Schedule hereto.

With regard to compelling payment of the Duty, the procedure would seem to be to summon the Owner to Petty Sessions, for the recovery of a penalty not exceeding £20,

for not delivering a declaration, or for a like penalty for keeping a car without a license, but considering the very small benefit the County Council derives from this duty, would it be worth while for the Council to incur the expense of taking proceedings to have the Duty paid.

Schedule.

car. m. J. 4. Major Chas. Head, Ballychan, Birr;  
 " " 5. W. F. Hearn, Bellvue, New Ross.  
 " " 24. Michael Barton, The Square, Newtownlary  
 " " 26. James Power, South St., New Ross.  
 " " 29 & cycle 174. Dr. W. W. Murphy, Coolgreany, Gorey.  
 cycle. 35 William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross.  
 car. " 57. F. J. R. Hughes, Ballycross, Bridgetown  
 " " 94. Joseph M. Ronan, George St. Wexford.  
 cycle " 120 Philip A. Jeffares, New Ross.  
 car. " 145. John M. Roche, Knockmullen, New Ross.  
 " " 160. Richard Whitney, Main St., Gorey.  
 " " 181 Mrs. Maud Stanley, Palace, New Ross.  
 " " 186. Claud J. Bouchier, Ross, Sullamore  
 " " 178. Thompson Bros., The Quay, Wexford.  
 " " 202. Dr. G. A. Hickey, South St., New Ross.  
 " " 215. James O'Connor, K. C., Dublin.  
 cycle. 220. Dr. John O'Regan, 2 Bridge St., New Ross.

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

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed to write to the owners of motor cars and motor cycles as reported in his letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> October, and request them to pay the tax within 14 days from the date of Mr. Elgee's letter or furnish evidence that they have already paid; otherwise they will be prosecuted."

Motor License Duties.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> September, the Local

Government Board wrote. Letter N<sup>o</sup> 39421-miscellaneous, forwarding certified statement from the Postmaster General showing the amount of motor licence Duties paid during the year to the Registering authorities.

The Secretary stated that the amount paid in Wexford county, was £ 353 : 9 : 6. and the share of the county council of this was £ 17 : 13 : 6. "

marked "Read"

### Loan Waterford Bridge.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> September, the Local Government Board wrote letter N<sup>o</sup> 46,100 Wexford county, with reference to loan for payment of the county Wexford portion of cost of erection of Waterford Bridge:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the further instalment applied for by the county council of Wexford, in respect of the loan of £ 11,000 sanctioned to defray their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it would appear from a report of their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. Cowan, on a recent inspection of the works and of the accounts of the undertaking, that on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, there was a balance in the Bank to the credit of the joint Bridge Committee of a sum of £ 10,943 : 6 : 10 after allowing for expenditure to that date, and that the sums which were to be submitted for payment to the joint Committee on the following day, would amount to between £ 3,500 and £ 4,000.

It, moreover, appeared that all the contributory authorities had paid as much

as  $\frac{2}{5}$ ths of their shares of the estimated cost, except the Corporation of Waterford and the County Council of Kilkenny who had only paid up  $\frac{1}{5}$ th.

In the circumstances, I am to state that the Board do not consider that a further issue on account of the loan above referred to is at present required."

The Secretary stated that he had written the following letter to Mr. Feely, Sec. to joint Bridge Committee, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst:-

"With reference to transfer of the last instalment of loan for Waterford Bridge, the Finance Committee of my County Council desire information on the following points:-

- 1.- What is the total amount which the joint Committee have received up to the present from the contributing bodies?
- 2.- How much has been paid the contractor to date, and what is the full amount of the contract?
- 3.- How much per cent of the contract does the retention money on the contract amount to?
- 4.- Does the Treasurer of the Committee allow any interest on credit balance, and if so, at what rate per cent.?"

The following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Feely, Secretary to joint Committee:-

In reply to yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. The total amount from the contributing bodies is £57082: 0/- of which £47877 has been paid to the contractors, the full amount of whose contract is £64,311: 13: 9.

The retention money is 10 per cent, I.

am not aware of any arrangement with the  
 Treasurer to allow Interest on credit balances."  
 marked "Read."

### Foot & mouth Disease.

In connection with outbreak of Foot and  
 mouth Disease, the Secretary read the various  
 Orders which had been promulgated by the  
 Department of Agriculture & Technical  
 Instruction.

marked "Read"

In connection with this matter, the  
 following resolution was received from  
 the Secretary, Meath Farmers' Association:-

"That we call upon the Irish members of  
 Parliament to bring such pressure to bear  
 on the Government as may be necessary to  
 save the country from the disaster  
 which now threatens it, consequent on  
 the stoppage of our live stock trade."

"On the motion of Mr. Emonds, seconded  
 by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., the foregoing resolution  
 was adopted."

### Laghmon Courthouse.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> September, the following  
 letter was read from Mr. Corish, Clerk Laghmon  
 Petty Sessions Court:-

"I duly received your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> ult., relative  
 to the proposed change of Courthouse at Laghmon  
 and brought same before the magistrates at  
 Petty Sessions on Thursday last, this being the  
 first opportunity of doing so."

The following magistrates were present:-  
 Capt. Herries Brodie R. M., Surgeon Col. Gibbon,  
 Messrs B. A. W. Lest, J. B. Wacker, and E. N.

downend, and visited and inspected the new building, and they direct me to inform you that they consider it too small to make a suitable courthouse."

marked "Read"

### All Ireland Industrial Conference.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Conference Secretary wrote asking the County Council to appoint two delegates to the all-Ireland Industrial Conference, to be held in Londonderry on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

"On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Peacocke was appointed delegate to the conference."

### Courtown Harbour.

Mr. John J. Fanning, Hon Sec., to the public meeting at Courtown Harbour, held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart, M.P., seconded by Mr. A. Kinsella, Co. Councillor:-

"That we the representatives of the fishing, farming, and labouring population of this district, in public meeting assembled express our thanks to the Right Hon A. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, for the help he has given us in promoting the project of a new pier at Courtown, and we rely on his good offices in our endeavour to have the works commenced next year.

That we also express our special thanks to the Gorey District Council and the

Gorey Town Commissioners for the continuous and invaluable assistance they have at all times extended to us in this matter. That we also express our thanks to the Co. Council of Wexford for the readiness they have shown to further this project, which is of so much importance to the development of north Wexford, and we feel that we can rely on their support until it is carried to a successful issue. That we request the County Council to instruct the Co. Surveyor to arrange to meet the Board of Works Engineer (as suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury) at an early date here at Courtown, with notice to the fisherman having experience of the coast so that it may be finally decided as soon as possible, first what kind of pier should be built, secondly, when it should be built. That we further request the County Council to give the necessary instructions for the drawing up of the requisite plans and to submit same, with an application for two-thirds of the cost of the works, to the Development Commissioners at their meeting this autumn, so that the works may be begun next year.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Wexford County Council; the Gorey District Council; and the Gorey Town Commissioners."

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. Fanning forwarded the following Report from Mr. R. G. Allanson-Winn, Engineer, 12-14 College Green, Dublin :-

"On the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> of this month, I visited Courtown and inspected the Harbour.

The weather was favourable and I had the advantage of making a fairly complete

examination during the spring tides.

I also made soundings and was able to collect much information respecting the tides, winds, set of currents, alteration in sand banks, condition of existing works, etc., from the fishermen and the residents, who offered me every facility and put me in possession of facts.

I found that, owing to the silting which has taken place at the existing entrance, the harbour is only accessible to fishing boats, at or near full tides. This condition of affairs is, of course, disastrous to the fishing industry, and the most important problem to be faced in the improvement of the harbour is, therefore, the making of the existing berthage and shelter facilities available at all states of the tide.

In addition it is advisable to provide some further shelter at the mouth, and if possible a berth at which boats drawing six or eight feet of water may lie in safety.

Having come to certain conclusions in the matter, and feeling anxious that my opinion should have further support, I asked Mr. R. H. King, who has had great experience in harbour construction, and has been in charge of several important works, to make an inspection. This he did on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> inst.,

We are of opinion that the silting at the harbour mouth has been caused to a large extent, if not entirely by the opposition of the tidal currents. To overcome this, and at the same time secure the deeper

berthage and additional shelter required, we propose to extend the south arm of the existing harbour a distance of 250 feet, as shown in red on the accompanying plan, providing complete shelter from south and south-east, and a depth alongside of 10 feet at low water, and to construct a mole or rubble embankment in the position shown, to perform the function of protecting the Harbour mouth from northerly gales, and at the same time diverting and training the tidal stream so as to promote a confluence of currents both at the existing mouth and at the extended pier, which will tend to keep the channel clear of silt.

We believe that this extension of the south pier will carry the head beyond the sheltering influences of Breanoge Point, and secure the full effects of the flood tide for the ultimate removal of silt.

We estimate that the works described can be carried out for a sum of £10,000 which we understand is the amount likely to be available for the improvement scheme."

A deputation attended from Gorey and Courtown to urge the County Council to agree to the report of Mr. Allanson-Winn, Engineer.

Mr. Fanning proposed:—"That the deputation be heard."

Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion, which was passed.

Rev J. C. O'Rourke, Rev Mr. Wilson, and others having addressed the meeting on behalf of the Deputation, Mr. Fanning proposed:—"That the Co. Council guarantee

to borrow £5,000 or levy a rate to raise that sum provided the Development Commissioners advance £10,000 as a free grant for the improvement of Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Peacocke proposed as an amendment and Mr. Lynch seconded :- "That we postpone the consideration of this matter until we receive a report from the County Surveyor regarding the proposed plan.

That Mr. Barry be requested to make arrangements with the Board of Works Engineer and Mr. Allanson-Winn to meet him at Courtown.

That a special meeting of the County Council be called to consider the report."

Passed.

### University Scholarships.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> September, the following letter was read from Professor A. W. Conway Registrar, University College, Dublin :-

"In answer to your letter of September 9<sup>th</sup>, I beg to state that Miss Mary H. McGrath, and Miss Mary G. Furlong, have pursued Honours courses in the Faculty of Arts - First year - during the past session 1911-1912, and have attended lectures in a most satisfactory manner, and have passed the First University Examination in Arts in June 1912 with great distinction.

Miss Mary H. McGrath - Second Honours.

Irish, English, French, Logic.

Pass.

Latin

Miss Mary G. Furlong - Second Honours

Logic

Pass.

Latin, English, French  
German and modern  
Irish History.

Mr. James Power has attended the First year course in the Faculty of Engineering very satisfactorily, and has passed the first university Examination in Engineering obtaining First Class Honours and a First Class Exhibition of £20.

Mr. James Ryan has pursued the First year course in the Faculty of Medicine and obtained his certificate of regular attendance, and passed the First University Examination in medicine - Part I in Spring 1912, viz:-  
Chemistry (Theoretical & Practical)  
and

Experimental Physics,  
and Part II in Summer 1912, viz:-  
Botany and Zoology.

All these candidates are recommended for renewal of their Scholarships."

"In connection with the application of Mr. James Power, one of the County Council scholars, for permission to reside outside a hostel, Mr. Power forwarded letter from Professor Purcell, Dean of the Engineering Faculty, stating that he had not the slightest objection or the least ground for fear on account of his moral welfare, should Mr. Power be allowed to live outside a hostel."

Mr. Power also applied for the balance of Scholarship fund.

The Secretary stated paragraph 7 of the conditions governing these Scholarships was as follows:-

"The balance of this fund amounting

approximately to £8 or £9 will be paid to each scholarship holder for travelling and incidental expenses."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning.

Seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the University scholarship holders for year 1912 be paid the following balances on foot of their Scholarships to cover their travelling and incidental expenses in pursuance of paragraph 7 of the conditions governing these Scholarships, viz:- Miss Furlong £8: 10/- Miss McGrath £6: 10/- and Mr. James Power £7: 19/-"

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

"That we agree to the award of Scholarships value £50 each to Miss Margaret Furlong, New Ross; Miss Mary Josephine Byrne, Ballycale, Gorey; and Mr. George J. Duggan, Wexford; and of Bursaries value £25 each to Miss Phyllis Ryan, Donmool, Laghmon; and Mr. J. G. Hassett, Bridgetown; provided Mr. Hassett furnishes evidence that he has qualified in Latin at the recent matriculation examination of the National University."

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

"That we agree to the award of continuing Scholarships value £50 each to Miss Mary A. McGrath, Miss Mary E. Furlong, Mr. James Power, and Mr. James Ryan."

"With reference to the application of Mr. Power to live outside a hostel, on the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it was decided that Mr. Power's request be acceded to, in view of the terms of the letter from Professor Purcell."

### Sealed Orders.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> August, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their sealed order No. 36725-1912, determining the Blonroche dispensary district as the area of charge for Courtnacuddy water-supply.

marked "Read"

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> August, the Local Government Board forwarded sealed order determining the area of charge for the supply of water at Church Road, Newtownbarry, to be the Newtownbarry dispensary district.

marked "Read"

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of sealed order No. 48,069-1912, fixing the area of charge for erection of a pump at Lodgewood, on Ferns dispensary district.

marked "Read"

### Sheep Dipping Order-Summer Period.

A number of reports were received from the constabulary asking for instructions as to whether prosecutions should be instituted against sheep-owners who had failed to give notice of dipping sheep, exposing sheep for sale without movement form, or had neglected to furnish form "b" evidence of dipping having been carried out.

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

"That the Constabulary authorities be informed that it is the wish of the Co. Council that prosecutions should be instituted only against sheepowners who have failed to dip their sheep."

### Auditor's Report.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> August, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding the following copy of report of their auditor in respect of the audit of the accounts of the Co. Council for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1912 :-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half year ended March 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."

### audit of accounts of Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of the reports of their auditors in connection with the audit of the accounts of New Ross unions and Gorey unions, and New Ross and Gorey Rural District Councils.

marked "Read."

### Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment in respect of items for fixed salaries and other fixed items of account be and are hereby approved."

### Notice of motion.

Mr. Bolger (Chairman of the Council) moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council adopt a bye law fixing the hour for opening of fowl market at Ferns at 8.15 a.m."

"Adjourned as the requisite number of councillors - two-thirds of a majority, were not in attendance."

### The Wrecked Schooner - "Alice Latham."

In connection with the removal of the wrecked schooner "Alice Latham" which had injured Kilmore Pier, and was allowed to remain by the owner a source of further danger to the structure, the County Council recently made an order that the Co. Surveyor should have the craft removed.

On behalf of the owner - Capt Monaghan - the following letter was read from Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"We are instructed by Captain Monaghan that he had taken some of the vessel "Alice Latham" under previous to your contractor taking her in charge and that the stuff

which he had worked at and taken asunder from the vessel was taken possession of by your contractor which he considers was a great hardship, and wishes to know if the County Council will allow him anything therefor which he contends in justice he would be entitled to. If your Council would be disposed to entertain this request a valuation as to the value of the stuff taken asunder by Captain Monaghan can be made and submitted later on hearing from you."

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following resolution as regards this matter at their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to consult with Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the County Council with a view to recovering the cost of making good the damage to the pier caused by this vessel, and that our Solicitor proceed against Mr. Monaghan, owner of the "Alice Latham" to recover the amount, should he consider this course advisable."

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

"That Mr. Elger be requested to take whatever steps he may consider advisable or necessary to recover from the owner of the wrecked schooner "Alice Latham" the cost of the repair of the damage done by the craft to Kilmore Pier."

#### Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

17, Bachel St., Dublin.

12<sup>th</sup> August 1912.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D.,  
Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on  
articles submitted to him for analysis during  
the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1912.

87 articles were received from the Food  
Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows :-

| <u>Article.</u> | <u>Number.</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|
| milk            | 35             |
| Butter          | 24             |
| whiskey         | 11             |
| Buttermilk      | 9              |
| Port wine       | 2              |
| Rum             | 2              |
| margarine       | 2              |
| claret          | 1              |
| Ginger wine     | 1              |
| Total           | <u>87.</u>     |

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Scully,  
Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk which was  
adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added  
water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for  
churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant  
White, Laghmore; for specimen of whiskey  
which was 31 degrees under proof, and was  
therefore adulterated with 8 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to R. I. C., Gorey  
for specimen of whiskey which was 27 degrees  
under proof and was therefore adulterated  
with 2.67 per cent of water.

There were ten specimens of butter  
analysed by directions from the Department  
of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for  
Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin;  
which were taken up in the County Wexford  
and were pure.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine

drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for Gory Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Total solid matter | 5.600 |
|--------------------|-------|

Including

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| albuminoid ammonia | 0.005 |
|--------------------|-------|

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| saline ammonia | 0.008 |
|----------------|-------|

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Nitric acid | Trace |
|-------------|-------|

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Chlorine | 1.980 |
|----------|-------|

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| colour | almost colourless. |
|--------|--------------------|

Pure.

For the Guardians of Wexford Union three specimens of milk were analysed. One was of very poor quality.

One specimen of water analysed for Wexford Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Total solid matter | 11.000 |
|--------------------|--------|

Including

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| albuminoid ammonia | 0.0065 |
|--------------------|--------|

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| saline ammonia | 0.002 |
|----------------|-------|

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Nitric acid | Trace |
|-------------|-------|

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Chlorine | 1.590 |
|----------|-------|

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| colour | very light yellow. |
|--------|--------------------|

very pure water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union three drugs and three specimens of milk were analysed. The drugs were correct. One of the milks was of very poor quality.

One specimen of water analysed for Thomas J. Douse, Esq. Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Total solid matter | 73.500  |
| Including          |         |
| albuminoid ammonia | 0.050   |
| saline ammonia     | 0.014   |
| Nitric acid        | 2.600   |
| Chlorine           | 15.500  |
| colour.            | yellow. |

This water was unfit for use.

One specimen of water analysed for Mr. E. C. Goulding, Esq. Kihane; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Total solid matter | 62.300        |
| Including          |               |
| albuminoid ammonia | 0.120         |
| saline ammonia     | 0.140         |
| Nitric acid        | Trace         |
| Chlorine           | 12.524        |
| colour             | light yellow. |

A very polluted water.

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

One fertilizer was analysed for the Wexford meat supply and Bacon Factory Ltd., Wexford.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses. ... 121.

G. A. Cameron.  
marked "Read"

### The claim for Extra Police.

at the last meeting of the County Council a resolution was adopted asking the Lord Lieutenant to allow the claim for payment for extra police stationed in Wexford town during the recent labour dispute until the Council had

had an opportunity of raising the amount by rate, was adopted.

The following letter No 14048 under date 9<sup>th</sup> August was read from the under Secretary, Dublin Castle, in reply to this request:-

"With reference to the request contained in the resolution of the County Council of Wexford, on the subject of Extra Police, submitted by you on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, for the information of the Co. Council that His Excellency is unable to comply with the Council's request in this matter."

marked "Read"

Polling Districts & Registration of voters.  
(Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> September, the Local Government Board wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, the enclosed copies of the drafts of the Orders which the Board propose to execute under the Polling Districts and Registration of voters (Ireland) Act, 1908; and I am to state that the Board propose that the scheme should take effect as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January next."

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

"That we approve of the provisions of the Draft Order for the alteration of Polling Districts etc., Parliamentary Divisions of North and South Wexford."

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of meeting. - 28<sup>th</sup> August 1912.

In connection with the necessary changes which had to be made at Ferryarrig Bridge in order to secure the north abutment, which showed some slight signs of subsidence, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we approve of the proposal of the Co. Surveyor to secure the north abutment of Ferryarrig Bridge, cost not to exceed £250."

The following resolutions were also adopted in connection with Ferryarrig Bridge :-

"That the Boundary wall at Ferryarrig Bridge (Enniscorthy side under tower) be taken down and so altered as to allow more accommodation for traffic, cost not to exceed £50."

"That Mr. Thompson's services as supervising Engineer at Ferryarrig Bridge be retained by the County Surveyor so long as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the work, at a salary of £3 per week, with expenses not exceeding £2: 7/- per week."

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

— Supervision of Road Work. —

In connection with inspections of roads the following resolutions were adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, an explanation as to why he made no reports regarding the bad condition of Road No. 14 (New Ross District) altho' according to his diary he had inspected this road on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August."

"That the County Surveyor insist that the Assistant Surveyors would furnish detailed reports of the various neglects which they find existing on roads inspected by them, and that they should endeavour to prevent material being placed in positions which are dangerous to traffic".

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman".

— Forms for County Surveyor. —

As regards supply of forms etc., required by County Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor invite tenders for supplying Forms, Specifications etc., which he may require, and accept lowest, provided it is otherwise satisfactory that he report the matter to next meeting of the Council, and receive their sanction to this course."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Keacocke."

— Assistant Surveyor Howlin. —

In connection with the manner in which Assistant Surveyor Howlin was discharging his duties, the following letter was read from Mr Barry, County Surveyor :-

"I beg to report that I received the following letter from Mr Deane, Senior Assistant Surveyor -

"I have to complain of the want of attention to my instructions given to Mr Howlin Assistant Surveyor, when I travelled over part of his district with him on 3rd and 9th inst., I found defects as then existing still unattended, there being no evidence whatever of anything being done."

Other roads not previously inspected by me, I also found very bad.

I would respectfully recommend that Mr. Howlin be written to by you and cautioned that unless more attention given to the roads in his district, that further and more serious note will be taken."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to call on Mr. Howlin, to resign his position as Assistant Surveyor."

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

"That the consideration of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be adjourned for three months, and that the County Surveyor be requested to submit at the end of that period a report as to the manner in which Assistant Surveyor Howlin has discharged his duties in the meantime."

— Road No. 116 Gorey. —

As regards Road No. 116 Gorey, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Committee believe from a close investigation of the circumstances of this case that the contract with Peter Leary for repair of this road was arranged to start as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910, we consider Mr. Gaffney responsible for the overpayment of £6: 10/- and would be glad to receive cheque for same from him in settlement of this overpayment before the visit of the Local Government auditor."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Franchise Bill.

With reference to the Franchise Bill at present before Parliament, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we protest against the provisions of the Franchise Bill proposing that the fees for preparation of Parliamentary Register should be taken from the emoluments of the County Officers and transferred to the Clerk of the Crown & Peace. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. John E. Redmond M. P., and Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Peter French, Parliamentary representatives for the County of Wexford."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Rate Collection.

"Resolutions from Finance & Roads Committee with reference to collectors who were not proceeding with their collections diligently, were submitted and agreed to."

Weight & Measures Act.

The application of District Inspector Fitzsimons R. J. C., Wexford, to expend 4/- in connection with the adjustment and cleaning of weights & measures' standards recommended by Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to.

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

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"That the report of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor relative to David Power, Newtown, Adamstown,

contractor for Road No 159a (New Ross District) be referred to Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, with a view to a prosecution being instituted against David Power."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

"That we recommend that the entire cost of obtaining the quarry at Ballingly, including the necessary pass-way to same, be a County-at-Large charge."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

"That we agree to the employment by the County Surveyor of a temporary clerk for one month, at a cost not exceeding £4, to allow of all roads coming up for contract at the November meetings of the District Councils, being re-numbered and for new descriptions given them."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

"That Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be informed that in future he must attend more diligently and carefully to the instructions given him by Mr. O'Connor, Senior Assistant Surveyor."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman."

"That as directed by the County Surveyor, the Assistant Surveyors must take steps to make themselves acquainted with the quarries from which the metalling of the roads in their district is procured."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Road Contractors' Prosecutions.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to prosecute any of the following Road Contractors, should he consider it necessary:

Gorey Rural District:- No. 53. Thomas Hendrick; 125 Thomas Doyle; 40 Walter Lawless, T.H. John Creane; 3.11. James Kenny; 154. Simeon Darcy; 135 John Fitzsimon; 493 Michael Doyle; 88 Morgan McDonald; 24 Walter Lawless; 77 Michael Staunton; 163 Michael Hughes.

Enniscorthy Rural District:- No. 249. James Byrne; 13. Walter Boggan; 7. Patrick Kehoe; 10. Martin Pender; 14<sup>a</sup>. Patrick Cowman; 160. James Sheil; 303. Michael Cullen; 138. John Doran; 245. Michael Cullen; 44. Wm Hyland; 31. Mary A. Carty; 15. Andrew Kavanagh; 45. Wm Hyland; 185. Peter Mythen; 263. Michael Cullen; 126. Mary Shanahan; 61 & 100. James Dillon; 24. Stephen Murphy; 206. John Kenny; 103. Patrick Kavanagh; 106. Owen Nolan; 97. Edward Walsh; 180. James Donohoe; 173. David Connolly; 284 & 229. Thomas Cloney; 143, 197, 191, 192. Edward Brennan; 109 & 121. Daniel Blancy; 186. Patrick Lennon; 149. Hugh Briar; 75<sup>a</sup>. Myles Roban; 219. Andrew Dunne.

Wexford Rural District:- No. 63, 63<sup>a</sup>. Matthew Lacey; 94 Wm Carty; 201 John Murphy; 57. Edward Browne; 91. 96 William Whelan; 90. Michael Browne; 128. Andrew Murphy; 75. Richard Murphy; 11, 148 James Goodall; 56 Wm McCormack; 80<sup>a</sup>. Wm Carty; 81 John Barrett; 137. Thomas Cloney; 190. Walter Breen; 37. Richard Murphy; 109. Richard Fortune; 155. Michael Mythen; 110. John Murphy.

New Ross Rural District:- No. 10. Michael Roche; 14. Patrick Carroll; 109<sup>a</sup>. David Power; 37. James Hayes.

"adopted on the motion of the chairman,  
seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

### Wexford County Insurance Society.

The following proposals from the County Wexford Insurance Society, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, were approved :-

"Proposal of the Society to advertise for a temporary Secretary at a salary at the rate of £40 per annum, appointment to continue until date of the first general meeting of the Society."

"Proposal to advertise for a temporary Treasurer at a salary at the rate of £20. per annum, appointment to continue until the first annual General meeting of the Society."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

### County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I submit a list of defaulting contractors who have been so neglectful during the past 12 months or so that I recommend their names be put on a "Black List" and that the Council refuse to accept them as contractors in the future.

I have directed each Assistant Surveyor to notify the above contractors in his District that I am bringing this matter before you at the meeting and to notify them also that they must appear personally to show cause why they should not be so dealt with.

My object in having this list now discussed

is that I may be in a position to object to bad contractors getting further contracts at the meetings of the Rural District Councils.

I am at present preparing maps and schedules showing the re-divisions that I propose making in the road contracts so as to enable better supervision to be given to each road as may be necessary. I intend bringing forward these revised contracts at the next meetings of the Rural District Councils and from time to time as the existing contracts lapse.

The work is very extensive and will occupy the greater part of my time during the next fortnight and a couple of days also with each Assistant Surveyor. I find that the old system of division of the roads into contract lengths was hopelessly confused and this work must be undertaken if there is to be any hope of organizing a proper system in the future.

The following are the names of contractors submitted for "black listing":-

Enniscorthy Rural District:- Thomas O'Gorman - no. 198; William Doyle - 118; Michael Cullen 263; Edward Maddock - 202, 228<sup>a</sup>, 280; James Donohoe 180; Edward Brennan 143, 197, 191, 200; Thomas Brennan 142; John Kenny - 206; Walter Skelton 86; Martin Pender 10; James Sheil 160; Peter Dempsey 277.

Gouy Rural District:- Michael Connors; 50; Michael Stanton - 77; Walter Lawless - 133, 79, 24, 133; Joseph Murphy - 22; Thomas Parle - 168.

Wexford Rural District:- Michael Browne - 166; Edward Browne - 21, 157, 164; Wm. Whelan - 91, 93, 96.

Nur Ross District:- David Power - 159<sup>a</sup>; James Murphy 49; Philip Kelly - 88; Thomas Murphy - 243; John Conway - 173; Patrick Kinsella - 110; Patrick Power - 167.

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

"That the contractors as appearing in the County Surveyor's special report (dated 9<sup>th</sup> October) be black-listed for a period of one year"

#### 54<sup>th</sup> Section - Grand jury act.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning it was decided that the Co. Surveyor be given instructions to take up from Henry. P. Gahan, Little Graigue, Tethard Contractor for Nos 510 and 513 New Ross District, these contracts, as the contractor has failed to carry out the work notwithstanding repeated warnings and notices. and, that, the County Surveyor be directed to proceed against this contractor for the recovery of any extra cost which may be entailed in carrying out these works owing to Mr. Gahan's neglect."

#### Coals - Co. Courthouse.

Two tenders were received for the supply of coals for the Co. Courthouse, viz:- Mr. William Kinsella, Wexford; at 30/- per ton, for Powell's (unscreened) and 34/- per ton, (screened) Mr. Byrne, Bull Ring, Wexford; at 30/- per ton.

"On the motion of the chairman, the tender of Mr. Byrne at 30/- per ton, was accepted on condition that she supplies Powell's best Red ash Newport, or non & burn."

#### Enniscorthy urban Elections.

The following resolution was received from

Enniscorthy urban council :-

"That the sum of £3: 3/- be allowed our town clerk, as Returning officer for uncontested elections of Guardians and urban District councillors, which sum we consider only fair remuneration."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Rossiter seconded by Mr. Lynch."

Wm Bolger

