

Special Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1905.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1905.

Present: Mr. C. Horo Vice-Chairman Presided

There were also present Messrs S. Dempsey, M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, M. Murphy and John F. Walsh.

Mr. Elger Solicitor to the Council, Mr. H. Webster County Surveyor and Mr. N. J. Foyell Acting Secretary were in attendance.

Address of the County Secretary.

Capt. Pigott Secretary wrote applying for a further month's leave of absence and forwarding a certificate from Dr. Dowse that he would be unable to perform his duties for that period. Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded: That Capt. Pigott be granted a month's leave and that Mr. Foyell Assistant Secretary be appointed to discharge the duties of Secretary for a further month at £2 per week. Passed.

Transfers to Public Bodies.

Mr. Peacocke proposed: That the amount of transfers to public bodies amounting to £14434.18.11 be passed, Mr. Walsh seconded. Passed.

Mr. Browne proposed: That payments out of the General Account amounting to £214.5. be paid as per Treasurer's advice note. Mr. Walsh seconded. Passed.

Dredging of Courtown and Kilmore Harbours.

Under date, 16<sup>th</sup> February 1905 the following letter No. 162 was read from the Board of Works:-

With reference to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the proposed hiring of their No. 2 dredger to the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that they have work for this dredger at Howth Harbour that will keep her employed till the first of May next. They think that that date will be a convenient one to commence.



work for the Wexford County Council, at Boustown Harbour and Kilmore as the days will be long and the weather more likely to be fine. The terms of hiring which have already been communicated to the County Surveyor are £5 per week plus the working cost of about £12 per week; the boat to be insured by the hirers for the sum of £2,800 with companies approved by the Commissioners and the Policies to be lodged in this Office."

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> April the following letter N<sup>o</sup> 4160 was read from the Board of Works.

In reply to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the proposed hire of N<sup>o</sup> 2 dredger to the County Council of Wexford. I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that the Dredger when hired is usually insured with "Lloyds" which is regarded by the Board as satisfactory. The amount of the premium varies according to the time of the year and the distance which the dredger will have to travel to and from the harbour at which she is at work. Lloyds Agent in Dublin is Mr. George Bell 27 Sir Roger's Quay. In the case of one of their dredgers the Board have accepted the policy of the Maritime Insurance Company of Liverpool. It would be desirable for the County Council to effect a policy for the months of May and June with an option for renewal for one or two months beyond that date in the event of its being found that the Board can spare the Dredger for the longer period. I am to add that the Board think it right to mention for the information of the County Council that the boiler of the dredger is down for renewal next year. They hope that she will be able to do the work which the County Council require.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February the following letter (No 320 I B) was read from the Department of Agriculture etc. with reference to the work which they had carried out at Boustown.

Adverting to previous correspondence I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council that out of the joint fund of £576 composed of equal contributions by the Council and this Department the sum of £318.10 has



already been expended. The amount is composed of-

Mr. Scott's contract £200.

Extras certified by

Departments Engineers	21.	15
Removal of Stones	96	15
	318	10

Regarding the second item the Department, after consultation with their Engineers, came to the conclusion that owing to the presence of large boulders and the totally unexpected outlay involved in their removal it was a fair claim to pass.

The third item was incurred for the absolutely essential removal of huge stones of the existence of which although apparently well known locally, no hint had been given to the Department who believed they had only to deal with sand and gravel.

The Department will feel obliged if the County Council will be good enough to see that half the total sum paid is refunded to them, for which purpose a Receivable Order for £159.5 is annexed.

The following letter under date 1<sup>st</sup> April (No 1093) (F B) was read from the Department-

Adverting to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council that the new dredger will not be available before next year: and it is open to question whether a dredger could do any work at Courstown. The Department's Engineers will in a short time endeavour to meet the Committee who have charge of the improvements at Courstown.

The following letter was read from the contractor of the works at Kilmore (Mr. J. J. Walsh) to the County Surveyor:-

In reply to yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> I have no plant of my own to complete the Kilmore dredging. I therefore will accept the Board of Works No. 2 Grab Dredger let the cost be what it may. I do not think June 1<sup>st</sup> will be too late or even the 1<sup>st</sup> July as the dredger ought to be able to take enough sand out of the Harbour in two or three months.

The only difficulty I see is the insurance; - Owners? County Council? or myself? Of course I understand I must pay the Premium; I would suggest the Co Council to take out one Policy to cover all viz:-

Passage Kingstown to Courstown



Dredging in Courtown Harbour.  
 Passage Courtown Harbour to Kilmore  
 Dredging Kilmore Harbour.  
 Passage Kilmore to Kingstown.

For say May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> with an option of an extension to the 31<sup>st</sup> October at an extra rate.

I could then refund the Co Council my share of the Premium. If the County Council wish I will put this risk on the London Market and get the Insurance carried out so as to cover their work in Courtown."

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Walsh - the following resolution was adopted. That the Board of Works dredger No 2 be employed for the months of May and June or for such lesser period as may be required on the terms of the letter of the Board of Works of the 16<sup>th</sup> February (No 1632-05) for dredging Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Browne proposed - That the No 2 dredger of the Board of Works be employed for dredging Kilmore Harbour, for the months of July and August or from the conclusion of the dredging at Courtown Harbour. And with the option of keeping the dredger for a further period if required. Terms to be the same as in the hiring for Courtown Harbour Mr. Ennis seconded. passed

Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Peacocke:- That the Board of Works No 2 dredger be insured with Lloyds for the sum of £2800 for the months of May and June including the passage at sea and in port viz:- from Kingstown or Dublin to Courtown Harbour and from Courtown Harbour to Kilmore and return from Kilmore to Kingstown or Dublin with the option of a further insurance up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September. That the Acting Secretary pay the premium of insurance if necessary and that he be refunded said sum at the Meeting of the Council in May. Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Dempsey the following resolution was adopted:- That the Council approve of the letter written by Mr. Walsh contractor to the County Surveyor in reference to the dredging of Kilmore Harbour.



### Auditors Reports

Copies of Reports of their Auditors in connection with the Accounts of the following Local Bodies for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September '04 were received from the Local Government Board: Enniscorthy R D Council and Union, District Asylum Gorey R D Council and Union, Wexford R D Council and Union, and County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Marked "Read"

### Separate Charges

Sealed orders were received from the Local Government Board determining that the Rural District of Enniscorthy should be the area of charge for pump at Kileasey Upper and the same Rural District the area of charge under section 8 of the Post Office Act 1891 in respect of the establishment of a telegraph office at Ballymurnin. Marked "Read"

### Conveyance of Prisoners

The following letters were read from Mr. G H Douglas Secretary General Prisons Board Dublin Castle in reference to a resolution received by the County Council from the R D Council Enniscorthy

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant and to state, that although it may be mentioned that the matter is still under the consideration of the Prisons Board, it is assumed the resolution of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council referred to therein was based on the assumption that expenses in connection with the conveyance of prisoners to prisons are borne by the local rates. I am therefore to inform you that under the Prisons (Ireland) Amendment Act 1884 all such expenses from the period when the order for committal to prison is made are defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament."

"With reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed to inform you (1) that male prisoners committed on remand from Enniscorthy P. S. District are sent to Kilmainham Prison and female prisoners to Mountjoy Prison. (2) that the local rates have not to bear the expenses in connection with remands. (3) that a person is classed as a prisoner in this connection from the time of the first order of his committal to prison on remand or otherwise" The Acting Secretary said that a copy of this letter has been forwarded to the clerk of the Enniscorthy Rural



District CouncilPost Office Telegraphs.

Mr. Pomeroy Superintending Engineer Post Office Dublin wrote for the consent of the County Council to placing a telegraphic line over the public road between Killanne and Rathnure and a similar line between Castle bridge and Ballymurnin

The Acting Secretary explained that an interim consent had been given by the Chairman of the Council (Sir Thomas Esmonde) on the application of Mr. Pomeroy subject to the approval of the Council

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Walsh the following resolution was passed. "That we consent to the erection of telegraph poles for line from Castle bridge to Ballymurnin and from Killanne to Rathnure"

Public Bodies Order 1904

Resolutions in disapproval of Public Bodies Order 1904 issued by the Local Government Board, were received from the following public bodies: North Tipperary Co Council Kerry Co Council Galway Co Council Dublin Co Council and Mayo Co Council  
Marked "Read"

Malicious Injury claims

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council

Resolved: That as the claims for Malicious Injury involve purely local considerations, both in respect of the source of information for defence and the area of charge both of which are always confined to the District, we, the Enniscorthy Rural District Council request the County Council to leave the defences of these claims in this district, exclusively to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council

Proposed by Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Walsh, the following resolution was adopted: That as the County Council are the defendants in all these cases they are convinced they should be represented by their own Solicitor. If District Councils - urban or Rural - desire to engage a Solicitor to appear in any claim for compensation for Criminal Injury they have power to do so under the Local Government (Ireland) Act



### Revision of Valuation

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted: "That the Secretary be requested to send, after receipt of revised valuation lists from the Commissioners of Valuation post cards to ratepayers whose valuations have been increased, as we consider the present regulation does not ensure that persons affected by a change in valuation receive the information in time to appeal against the decision of the Commissioners of Valuation."

### National Exhibition

The following resolution was received from the Queens Co Council in reference to the holding of a National Exhibition

"That this Council approve of the holding of a National Exhibition and hereby appoint the following Members to act as a Committee for the purpose of inquiring and reporting to the next meeting what Industries in the County may be best aided improved and developed by this Council, and submitted for approval to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland Viz: The Chairman, Vice Chairman Messrs. A. McMahon (Cobh) M. Fitzpatrick J. Ramsbottom D. Quigley J. Timmons P. O'Hanaghan and J. Lyons"

Mr. Browne proposed Mr. Murphy seconded and it was passed: "That this Council favours the holding of a National Exhibition in Dublin."

### River Barrow Drainage

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 05 Mr. J. T. Heffernan Secretary Kildare County Council forwarded copy of minutes of a meeting of the joint Committee representing the Counties of Carlow, Kings and Queens County formed for the purpose of considering the question of the Barrow Drainage. The meeting passed resolutions pointing out the urgent necessity existing for the drainage of the basin of the River Barrow, the transfer of the business of the existing drainage boards to the County Council and the amending of the Local Government (I) Act, so as to invest the County Councils, with the powers conferred on Drainage Boards, by the 26 & 27 Vic Cap 88 and act amending same or incorporated therewith. It was decided to postpone the matter to the meeting of the Council in May.



### Marine Works Bill

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> February 1905 Mr. S. J. Stephens, Seaview House Duncannon forwarded the following resolution

That this Meeting representing the Fishing Industry of Duncannon to Wexford. strongly protest against the inaction of past and present Governments in assisting the fishing of the South East Coast of Ireland the result of which is that this most important industry is in a complete state of decay. thereby the Fishermen are deprived of a means of livelihood and have to seek employment elsewhere, and request the Government to pass a Marine Works Act suited to the district.

This Meeting put forward most earnestly this particular case of Duncannon owing to the want of a breakwater for the protection of fishing craft and the removal of siltage which has already accumulated to such an extent as to prevent fishing craft from entering or leaving the Harbour. If a breakwater was erected and Harbour dredged it would be a most suitable Harbour of refuge as well as being an efficient Naval base.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis seconded by Mr. Peacocke. "That Mr. Stephens be informed the Wexford County Council are taking every effective means to ensure the passage of a Marine Works Act suitable for the S.E. Coast of Ireland"

### Striking of the Poor Rate

The following letter No. 9.435/1905 Wexford County under date 17<sup>th</sup> February 1905. was read from the Local Government Board

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the striking of the Poor rate in the County of Wexford for the service of the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906 and with reference thereto I am to point out that under Sec 51 (b) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 the rate must be made immediately prior to or at the beginning of each financial year. The Public Bodies Order 1904 provides that the rate must be made within a month after the 1<sup>st</sup> April but in the special circumstances stated in your letter, the Local Government Board assent in the present instance to an extension of the period to the 5<sup>th</sup> of



May next, within which the poor rate may be struck.

This Board would, however, suggest to the Council that, in arranging their Meetings in future years, care should be taken that some meeting of the Council should take place between the adoption of the Estimate and the 30<sup>th</sup> April at which the rate can be made.

### Sheep Scab

Under date the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905 the Department of Agriculture etc (Circular letter N<sup>o</sup> 1670.05 Veterinary Branch) called attention to the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905 Order N<sup>o</sup> 55 and the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905- Order No 56 and expressing the hope that a Special Meeting of the Local Authority for consideration of the recommendations in the Circular will be summoned as early as practicable.

Proposed by Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Peacocke. "That the Circular letter of the Department referring to Sheep scab Orders N<sup>o</sup> 55 and 56 and Orders in question be considered at the Statutory Meeting of the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> May and that the Secretary ask the Department to supply 30 copies of the letter and Orders for distribution to members of the County Council and for reference.

### Rate collection

The Acting Secretary explained that all the collectors had lodged on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> March the amount of their Warrants with the exception of Mr Sullivan Enniscorthy District who had still to lodge £1. 19. 0 and Mr Barden, New Ross £162. 9. 1

Proposed by Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Peacocke. That collector Barden and Sullivan be directed to close their collections at once. And that if on receipt of this direction from the Acting Secretary they lodge the full amounts of their Warrants the Local Government Board be requested to extend the period for closing their collection to the 10<sup>th</sup> April with a view to giving the Council power to pay poundage fees to these collectors. "Passed."

### Wexford Co Council

Report of County Analyst for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904



City Laboratory  
17 Castle Street  
Dublin 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1905

Report of Sir Charles Cameron B. B. M. D. Public Analyst  
for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis  
during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904.

45 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. B.  
as follows =

Article	Number
Butter	16
Whiskey	14
Milk	10
Buttermilk	5
Total	45

Certificate sent to Sergeant Groves Ennisecorthy for specimen  
of butter containing an excess of water namely 18 per cent

For the Guardians of New Ross Union ten drugs were analysed  
they were correct

Five specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District  
Council had the following compositions.

One Imperial Gallon contained in grains					
	N <sup>o</sup> 1.	N <sup>o</sup> 2.	N <sup>o</sup> 3.	N <sup>o</sup> 4.	N <sup>o</sup> 5.
Total solid matters					
including	14.000	17.500	38.500	96.600	54.500
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.006	0.017	0.012	0.012
Saline Ammonia	0.007	0.003	0.005	0.007	0.007
Nitric Acid	1.370	0.500	4.200	17.500	8.100
Chlorine	1.491	1.590	5.168	17.890	4.970
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	4.3236	8.6472	18.7356	10.0884
Equal to Calcium					
Sulphate	6.0000	6.0000	12.0000	26.0000	14.0000

N<sup>o</sup> 3 was an inferior water N<sup>os</sup> 4 and 5 the same N<sup>o</sup> 2 was a  
good one. N<sup>o</sup> 1 a fairly good water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed  
they were correct



For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs four specimens of tea, and one of milk were analysed one of the drugs namely compound tincture of Senna were slightly low in solids. The teas were of good quality. The specimen of milk was of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificate of adulteration.

A specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Urban District Council had the following composition

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters	17.500
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	2.330
Chlorine	3.379
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000

A. good water.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society one fertiliser, one specimen of feeding stuff and one of linseed oil were analysed.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr Rice Ballygarvan New Ross.

A specimen of water analysed for the Secretary County Committee of Agriculture had the following composition

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters	29.400
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.024
Saline Ammonia	0.007
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.385
Sulphuric Acid	5.7648
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	8.0000

A. bad water.



A specimen of water was analysed for the Town Clerk of Wexford had the following composition

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters	11.9000
including	
Aluminoid Ammonia	0.010
Saline Ammonia	0.003
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.590
Sulphuric Acid	2.8824
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	4.0000

A fairly good water.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford. Twelve drugs were analysed, one of them namely Tincture of Squills was high in solids

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report

Total Analyses 111

C. A. Cameron

Edmund Gore



Special Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> April 1905.

Present :- In the Chair - Mr. Edmond Horne Chairman  
Other Members, Messrs M. A. Ennis, M. Browne, C. H.  
Peacocke, M. Murphy, John Bolger, D. Dempsey, M. J.  
Furlong, A. Kinsella, and J. F. Walsh.

Wexford Harbours.

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

"That we respectfully request the Chief Secretary for Ireland to make arrangements, at an early date, for a personal inspection of the Piers and Harbours of the Wexford Coast viz:- Courtown, Poulduff, Blackwater, Wexford, Kilmore, Carne, Duncannon, Slade, Arkhurstown, Fethard, Ballyhack, and Hookpoint to investigate for himself the condition of the fishing industry.

This Council are convinced of the absolute necessity which exists for State help if the fishing industry at present decaying through lack of efficient Harbour accommodation, is to be preserved from total extinction.

Of the large sums voted by past Governments for the construction and repair of Piers on the South East Coast of Ireland only £7000 odd, have been spent in Wexford County, which has the largest seaboard of any County on this portion of the Coast.

This Council have been obliged at almost every meeting, to vote sums of money for repair of Piers, but owing to want of funds, we are unable to carry out works which would meet the circumstances. It is imperative that steps should be taken without delay which would enable the fishermen of our Coast to prosecute their industry with some measure of success.

We respectfully invite the Chief Secretary for Ireland to see for himself the present state of the



fishing industry. and, how much can be done for a large and deserving class by judicious expenditure from Government funds to improve the Piers and Harbours of this County.

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Parliamentary representatives of the County.

National Schools - Rule 127 (b)

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Brown, the following resolution was unanimously adopted

"That we protest against Rule 127 (b) and call upon the Commissioners of National Education to withdraw this Rule, as its enforcement would prove most detrimental to primary education in Ireland, and would prove a gross injustice to the Male Teachers.

and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to our Members of Parliament, to Mr John E. Redmond, M. P. and to the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Edward Hone.