

MEETING.-7th APRIL 1915.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th April 1915.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Codd, N. J. Cowman, Michael Doyle, R. Scallan, P. Keating, J. S. Hearn, James Lynch, James Codd, John Redmond, J. T. Mayler, J. J. Kehoe.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Close of Rate Collection.

The following recommendation from Special Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 2nd April was laid before the Meeting:-

"We recommend the County Council to formulate a rule under which the Rate Collectors will be obliged to collect within the first three months of each half-year's rate collection a sum at least equal to 40 per cent of ~~amount of their warrant for the period, and for the first five months of~~ of each half-year's collection a sum at least equal to 70 per cent of amount of their warrant for the period. And that steps be taken by the County Council to suspend from office any Collector who fails to carry out this recommendation."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Under date 9th March 1915, the Local government Board, (letter No. 11936 : 1915 Wexford County) wrote that subject to the consent of Mr Sheehan's securities they had assented to the appointment of Mr Eugene O'Connor as substitute for Rate Collector M. J. Sheehan, to complete the collection of poor rate in Mr Sheehan's district for the current half-year.

In connection with collection of Mr M. J. Sheehan, Gprey, for whom Mr Eugene O'Connor had been appointed as substitute the Local Government Board wrote under date 22nd March 1915, (15748 : 1915) assenting to an extension to the 30th April of the time for the closing of the Collection in this Collector's district.

Deduction from Government Grants.

Under date 2nd March 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5,903-1915, Miscellaneous) that the amount to be deducted in respect of land purchase liability from the Estate Duty Grant payable in the course of the month was £831. 7. 2d.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation in connection with this matter:-

"That we request our Colleague Sir Thomas Esmonde, be question in the House of Commons to endeavour to ascertain for us what amount of the arrears has been paid since the account was made up showing the deficiency of £831 7. 2d, and if these arrears will be credited to next year's grant for Estate or Death Duty payable in the County Wexford. In respect of similar deduction in a previous year the Local Government Board were unable to procure definite information from the Irish Land Commission."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Under date 25th March 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £903. 19. 0 balance in respect of expenditure incurred for Medical and Educational Purposes by the Boards of Guardians of Unions in the County for year ended 30th September last. Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 53 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to meet the sums payable thereout His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant deemed it necessary to deduct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the said insufficiency.

Under date 25th March the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Pay Order for £93. 8. 2d the balance in respect of the amounts which were paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts in the County for the half-year ended September last.

Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid to the Local taxation Account to meet the sums payable thereout His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant deemed it necessary to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the insufficiency.

A letter was read from Mr Kehoe, Clerk Wexford Union, that the deficiency in the Medical & Educational Grant was £56. 3. 3d and in the Grant for Sanitary Salaries £6. 9. 9d.

The following resolution relative to deduction for liability in

respect of land purchase was read from Limerick Co Council:-

"That we the Finance Committee of the Limerick County Council, protest in the strongest possible manner against deductions being made in respect of Land Purchase liability from Grants payable to the Limerick Co. Council, without any statement being furnished as to how the amount in question is arrived at, and, as far as previous experience goes, without any possibility, of obtaining the required information, we have noticed and appreciate the recent action of the Dublin County Council in a similar direction, and we call on the County Councils throughout Ireland to take joint action in supporting this legitimate claim to be supplied with information to which we consider we are indisputably entitled."

"On the motion of Mr P. Keating, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the resolution from Limerick County Council was unanimously adopted."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

Under date 9th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10707-1915, Wexford County) that they had given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting to extensions of the limit of expenditure on roads in the Rural Districts of Wexford and New Ross to £7935. 10/- and £8741. 5/- respectively for the five years ended 31st March 1920.

Under date 18th March 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 14,184 : 1915, Wexford County) that they had given instructions for the preparation of an Order authorising the extension of the road limit of expenditure in Gorey Rural District to £7500 for the five years ended 1920.

In connection with the matter Sealed Orders No. 10707 extending Road limits as follows were received from the Local Government Board:-

New Ross £8741. 5/- Wexford £7935. 10/- and also No. 14184 : 1915, Gorey District £7500.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

Auditors Reports and Abstracts of Accounts for half-year ended 30th September 1914, of the following public bodies were received from the Local Government Board:-

Enniscorthy Union (15000-1915-March 1915) Enniscorthy Rural District Council (15001-1915, 19th March 1915) Gorey Union (7471:1915 11th February 1915) Gorey Rural District Council (7472 :1915-11th Febry) New Ross Union (17480 :1915 1st April) New Ross Rural District Council (17480 : 1915-1st April 1915).

Recoupment Cattle Diseases Fund.

Sealed Order under date 8th February 1915, (No. 4045-1915) was received from the Local Government Board, re apyment of £409. 18. 11d to recoup General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Marked "Read"

Law Costs-Chargeability of.

Under date 11th March, the following letter No. 13248 : 1915, 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 5th instant, relative to the estimate of the Wexford County Council for the ensuing financial year, and with reference thereto, I am to state that, except where an Urban District has been exempted by Statute or Order from contributing to County-at-Large expenditure for Law Costs, such expenditure, whether prospective or actually incurred, should be included in the County-at-Large Charges with a proportion of which the Urban Districts are to be debited."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the instruction of the Local Government Board as to the chargeability of law costs as per their letter of 11th March 1915, and No. 13248 : 1915, Wexford County- be followed by our Secretary in making up the accounts of the County Council in future."

Employees on Active Service.

Circular letter of Local Government Board, No. 46 M. 1915, (Local Authorities-Employees on Active Service) under date 29th March 1915, as to safeguarding the prospects of promotion of employees who were serving with H. M. Forces, was read for the Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the matter be dealt with as the occasion arises."

Co. Relief Committee-Incidental Expenses

In connection with an Account for 8/1 for Index Cards for County Relief Committee, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17680 : 1915, Wexford County) under date 30th March, that the manner in which administration expenses of Local Relief Committees may be paid was indicated in the last paragraph of their Circular letter of 24th August 1915.

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The last paragraph of Circular in question stated that the Local Government Board in England, had agreed that establishment and incidental expenses should be paid out of the rates and they considered that a similar course might be pursued in this County should voluntary assistance be found insufficient.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Lord Coubtown, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the incidental expenses incurred by the County Relief Committee be paid out of the County Funds. That each item of expenditure be brought before the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council."

Saltmills Water Supply.

Under date 26th March, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 13210 : 1915, Water Supply of Saltmills, expenses for the improvement of which has been placed on the Rural District of New Ross.

Marked "READ"

Quarterly Payments to County Infirmary.

In connection with an application from the Committee of the County Infirmary for payment of their quarterly instalments in advance, the following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee was read--

"That provided the Local Government Board raise no objection the Finance & Roads Committee recommend the County Council to pay quarterly instalments of contribution in the manner which obtains in connection with payments to the other public bodies financed by the County Council."

The following letter was read from the Local Government Board, under date 1st April 1915, (No. 16313-1915):-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, relative to the proposal to alter the dates of payments of quarterly instalments to the County Wexford Infirmary to the dates on which grants are made to other public bodies in County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they are not aware of any objection to this proposal provided the conditions of Section 85 of the Grand Jury Act, 1836, as adapted, have been complied with before the resolution adopting the estimate for the annual sum proposed to be raised has been passed."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Keating, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted.

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914.

Under date 16th February 1915, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote, (letter No. 614-15, V. B. :) approving of the proposal of the Co Council to continue until the 31st December next, the arrangement as to the carrying out of the bacteriological examinations of milk under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, by Mr R. Malone V.S., at a fee of 7/6 per sample.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 20th March, the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban District, wrote asking to have the following resolution of the Urban Council brought before the County Council for confirmation:-

"That Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, be and is hereby adopted for the Urban District of Enniscorthy, and that same come into force one month from the confirmation of same by the Wexford County Council and advertisement thereof."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Council approve of the Enniscorthy Urban Council putting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 into force."

Fishery Industry.

Under date 10th February the following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That since the sea-fishing industry was in the past a flourishing County Wexford industry, we respectfully call on the Wexford County Council to consider the advisability of appointing a fishery instructor who would by a practical course of lectures bring under the notice of those engaged in the industry new fishery appliances as well as facilitation of transport and markets."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was read from County Committee Gaelic League:-

"That since the seafishing industry was in the past a flourishing Co Wexford industry, we respectfully call on the Wexford Co Council, to consider the advisability of appointing a fishery instructor, who would by a practical course of lectures bring under the notice of those engaged in the industry new fishery appliances, as well as facilities of transport and markets."

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

"That our Secretary be directed to forward copies of these resolutions to the Department of Agriculture."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 24th February, and 16th March, were considered:-

Rockdrill for Quarries.

"That we accept tender of Ingersoll-Rand Co., for Rock Drill at £90 provided they supply 25 feet of extra tubing."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Mayler."

Great Island Fishery Pier:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to invite the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send their Engineer-Mr Oliver- to inspect the fishing pier at Great Island, with a view to having it repaired jointly by the Wexford County Council and the Department."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn seconded by Mr Scallan."

Maintenance of Newtownbarry Streets.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to enforce the terms of the contract for the maintenance of Newtownbarry Streets." 6

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman."

Repairs Typewriter.

"That we approve of expenditure of £2. 7/- for repair of typewriter in office of County Surveyor."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Discharging Boats at Courtown:-

"That the old discharging boats at Courtown Harbour which interfere with the use of the Harbour be broken up and the material given away for firewood."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Road Board Grant-Enniscorthy Urban District:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to do all in his power to have final instalment of Road Board Grant paid the Enniscorthy Urban Council as we believe from the circumstances mentioned in the letter of the Clerk to Enniscorthy Urban District under date 10th February 1915, the Urban District have a just and reasonable cause of complaint for the delay which has occurred in dealing with their application."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Temporary Clerical Staff.

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ any clerical assistance which he may consider necessary for writing up Rate Books and Collectors Books."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by the Chairman."

Damage New Ross Bridge.

"That a copy of the report of Mr Lee, Caretaker New Ross Bridge, as to collision of schooner Louise of Padstow, with the structure be furnished New Ross Harbour Board, and that they be requested to furnish their explanation of the matter to the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Rockspring Quarry:-

"That we decline to recommend the County Council to accept the offer of Mr Haughton to supply road metalling from his quarry at Rockspring at 5/- per cubic yard. In the event of Mr Haughton declining to supply the material at 3/6 per cubic yard, we authorise the Co Surveyor to take steps to have the quarries at Carrigeen and Glologue worked at once in order to provide metalling for contractors who were to have obtained their quantities of macadam from Rockspring Quarry."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to enter into negotiations with Mr Richard Donovan, Ballymore, as to acquiring portion of the Hill of Corrigrue for Road material."

Leave of Absence.

"That our Secretary be granted leave of absence for 18th 19th and 20th March."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Living Van.

"That the tender of the City Wheel & Carriage Works, Ltd., 104 to 107 Gt Brunswick St., Dublin, for supply of living Van for Quarrymen at £70, as per specification prepared by the County Surveyor, be accepted."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Increase of Salary.

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 24th February, a special Committee consisting of Messrs Keating, Stafford, Kehoe, and Peacocke, were appointed in connection with the application of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, to examine and report to the Finance & Roads Meeting of 16th March, as to the books which are kept and the work performed by Mr O'Leary.

The Members of the Special Committee reported that Mr O'Leary's work had greatly increased, and accordingly recommended an increase of salary.

The following recommendation had been agreed to at the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 16th March:-

"That we recommend that an addition of 5/- per week be added to the salary of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk in Co Surveyor's Office."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cowman, increase to date from 16th March, the date of the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Collector Sheehan's Illness.

"That we approve of Mr Eugene O'Connor, Gorey, acting as substitute

for Rate Collector Sheehan, Gorey. That warrants for outstanding amount of the Collection be furnished Mr O'Connor, and that the Local Government Board owing to the length of Mr Sheehan's illness be requested to extend the time for the close of the collection in the district until the 30th April 1915."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman."

St Michael's Industrial School.

"That we recommend the County Council to contribute towards the maintenance of the girls who are undergoing special training at the Industrial School of the Convent of Mercy, Wexford, in connection with the Domestic Economy programme of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction a sum of 2/- per week per child limited to a maximum of 12 children subject to the advice of our Solicitor that we are legally empowered to make this contribution, and which is to be reconsidered at the end of two years from date of opening of class."

Under date 29th March 1915, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee, I have gone carefully into the matter, and I have to report that sec 65 (b) of the Childrens Act 1908, 8 Edwd VII, C. 67 gives the following powers:-

"In the case of a child sent to an Industrial School such time as to the Court may seem proper for the teaching and training of the child, but not in any case extending beyond the time when the child will in the opinion of the Court attain the age of 16 years."

Section 68 (2) of the same Act extends the time of detention to 18 years under the supervision of the Manager of the Schools with certain limitations.

"Every child sent to an Industrial School shall from the expiration of the period of his detention remain up to the age of 18 under the supervision of the Managers of the School provided that this subsection shall not apply in any case where the child was ordered to be sent to an industrial school for the purpose only of enforcing an attendance order made in consequence of his parent, guardian, or other person legally liable to maintain him neglecting to provide efficient elementary instruction for him."

And Section 74 (9) of the same Act in my opinion, gives power to the Council to do what they require as to the resolution passed by the Roads & Finance Committee as the subsection reads---

"A Local Authority may contribute towards the ultimate disposal of any inmate of a certified school for whose maintenance in such a school the authority are under this section responsible or towards whose maintenance the Authority have voluntarily contributed."

By which you will see that the Local Authority may contribute towards the ultimate disposal of an inmate of a certified school for whose maintenance such authority is ^{liable} ~~laible~~ or towards whose maintenance such Authority have voluntarily contributed.

That being so the Council are according to the Act the Authority responsible for the child or children in the school and are therefore justified in extending the time for the ultimate disposal of such child or children which do not of course come within the provisions of the latter portion of Subsection 2 of Sec 68 of the Act."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, on a show of hands -nine members voting in favour, and four against."

Road Material Taken.

"That the reports of Mr Treanor, as to fraudulent conversion of road material by Contractors submitted to this meeting, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with a view to the institution of legal proceedings against the persons complained of should he consider this course advisable."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Engine for Stonebreaker.

"That the County Surveyor inform Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, that if he desires to tender to supply engine for stone-breaker etc., he should do so without delay. That the County Surveyor convey to Mr Kavanagh the views of this Meeting as regards supply of coal for engine, and inform Mr Kavanagh that if he cannot see his way to tender, the Council will be obliged to purchase Engines of their own."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Duncannon Harbour.

"That we request the Directors of Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., to furnish the Wexford County Council with more definite information as to the accommodation they desire at Duncannon.

According to their letter of 7th August 1913^a the directors of the Company gave the County Council to understand that they were prepared to maintain the steamboat service for at least three years provided that the hulk was put into proper^a/condition. of repair, was not removed, and that the continuance of the river service did not embarrass the Company financially."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

County Infirmary.

"That we suggest to the Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary they should in future have the accounts of the institution audited by a Chartered Accountant."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Courtown Harbour.

"That we approve of the recommendations of Courtown Harbour Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £1 in repair the sitting room of the Harbour Master's House, and of a sum not exceeding £2 for repainting of bylaws."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Gorey Pound.

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to expend a sum of £1 on the repair of Pound in Gorey. That should the Magistrates of Gorey Petty Sessions District appoint a Poundkeeper under 14 & 15 Vic., Cap 92 sec 19 (1) we hereby recommend the County Council to fix the rent of said Pound at 1/- per annum."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Hearn."

Meetings Finance & Roads Committee.

"That all future meetings of Finance & Roads Committee held on the third Wednesday of the month be held at 10.30 a.m.,"

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Post Office Telegraph Extension.

That in view of report of our County Surveyor we have no objection

to erection of overhead telegraph line between Post Office, Drinagh and the road leading to Ballylilliane."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pascocke."

State of Rate Collection.

"That a special meeting of this Committee be held on 2nd April, relative to close of Rate Collection. That the attention of said meeting be given to the manner in which the Collectors have dealt with their collections, and that our Secretary submit the various amounts lodged by each collector from 26th to 31st March inclusive."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Leave of Absence.

The Secretary obtained on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, three days leave of absence, to enable him to attend the R. D. S. Spring Show."

Minutes Tuberculosis Committee.

The resolutions of the above Committee in respect of Meeting 23rd February, were laid before the Meeting:-

Proposed Sanatorium.

"That proposed Sanatorium and Central Dispensary at Windmill Hill, Wexford, be erected in concrete, and that the County Surveyor take steps as soon as possible to obtain the formal approval of the Local Government Board to the plans of these buildings."

A resolution was also submitted from the Tuberculosis Committee requesting the Rev Mother and Community of St John of God to allow the capital sum of £350 for purchase of tenant right of plot for Sanatorium and Central Dispensary at Windmill Hill, Wexford, and the sum of £231 for redemption of rent to remain out at interest for five years at 5 per cent per annum."

In connection with this proposal the Local Government Board wrote under date 30th March (letter No. 17248 : 1915) approving of the proposal and suggesting that the County Council should reserve the power to pay off the capital sum at any time on giving six months notice.

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

That the consideration of confirmation of Minutes of Tuberculosis

Committee be adjourned to special Meeting of County Council to be held on 21st inst., and that your Secretary set out the proposals of this Committee as to erection of Sanatorium and postponement of payment for land at Windmill Hills, etc., on agenda paper of said meeting."

The Local Government Board wrote under date 1st April 1915, (No. 52705: 1913 Wexford Co.,:) that they have extended for a further period of six months their provisional approval of the appointment of Dr William O'Connor, as Medical Superintendent of Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Wexford County Council. If the Dispensary be completed before the expiration of that period the Board would be prepared to give final approval to the appointment."

Train Service on Gt Southern & Western Railway.

On the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Keating, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in consequence of the very serious inconvenience to the travelling public and of the injury to the town of Wexford we request the directors of the Gt Southern & Western Railway not to carry out their proposal to withdraw the four p.m., train from Wexford to Waterford.

We request the Wexford Corporation to promote a petition in favour of having the train retained for presentation to the directorate of said Railway Co.,"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for New Works submitted by the proposal Committee on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting by the proposal Committee be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act, Licences.

Mrs B. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, applied for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,, seconded by Mr James Codd, a resolution was adopted renewing licence.

Dates of Council Meetings.

The following dates of Meetings of Councils were fixed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr James Codd:-

Gorey R. D. Council-Thursday, 28th October-11.30 a.m.,
 Enniscorthy " Saturday 30th " 11 a.m.,
 New Ross " Tuesday- 2nd November 11.30 a.m.,
 Wexford- " Saturday- 6th " 10.30 a.m.,
 Proposal Committee- Wednesday-10th August- 10.30 a.m.,
 Co Council (Quarterly Meeting) Wednesday 4th August-10.30 a.m.
 and Half-Yearly Meeting Wednesday 1st December-10.30 A.M.,

Ballybrennan Quarrymen.

The following letter signed by Frank Buckley, Clonroche, was read:

"I beg to submit on behalf of the Ballybrennan Quarrymen, an application for an increase on the present scale of wages. Owing to the high cost of provisions at the present time and the increased cost of keeping our implements in working order I am reluctantly compelled to make this application on their behalf. Trusting you shall be good enough to place the matter before the next meeting of the County Council. Thanking you in anticipation of receiving your kind attention in the matter."

On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of the quarrymen at Ballybrennan Quarry, be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 21st inst. That the meeting of the 21st be furnished by the County Surveyor with a return of the amount of wages earned by the quarrymen at Ballybrennan and the other Co Council quarries, with the hours worked per day in each instance."

Complaint of Condition of Road.

Under date 26th March 1915, the following letter was read from Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"With reference to the several complaints made by me to your Council regarding particular parts of the main public road from New

Ross to Wexford and my repeated requests to your Council to put the parts so complained of in a proper state of repair and condition, and which up to the present your Council have failed to do, I again as a user and a ratepayer repeat the various complaints made by me, and notwithstanding the attitude of the County Surveyor that the road is in good condition and repair, I now request that your Council will be good enough to pass a resolution directing that the road be put in proper repair and condition at once, or a resolution that the County Council will not do so. Either of these resolutions if passed by the County Council will suit me. It is not sufficient answer to me that the road has been given to a contractor for repairs or that the County Surveyor stated that the road is in good repair.

I am making this as a specific demand to remedy the complaints made by me, and your Council will be good enough to categorically refuse to do so in the event of their deciding that the road is at present in sufficient repair and that my complaints are unfounded. My reason for this is that immediately I hear from you as to the decision of your Council I will then proceed by mandamus to compel your Council to carry out their statutory obligations.

Please bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council and oblige."

The specific complaints of Dr Hearn, and a detailed reply from the County Surveyor, had been considered at Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 16th March, when the following recommendation was agreed to--

"That we recommend the County Surveyor to obtain for road from Wexford to New Ross better material, better broken and put out in proper time in future."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

"The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the letter of Dr Hearn, Solicitor, as to the condition of road from New Ross to Wexford be adjourned to the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 21st inst., That a small Committee be appointed to inspect the road in question in the meantime and furnish report to the meeting of 21st."

"That Messrs Peacocke, James Codd, Keating, Scallan, John J. Kehoe, and J. J. Stafford, be appointed a Committee to inspect the Road referred to in the letter of Dr Hearn, and report to meeting of 21st

inst., Inspection to take place on Friday 9th inst., at 2. p.m. "

Arrears Boat Dues.

A report from Lord Courtown as to the circumstances of boat owners at Courtown, who were in arrears with the payment of this dues was laid before the Meeting:-

Lord Courtown explained the details in each case.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman-

"That the arrears due by the fishermen at Courtown be wiped out as irrecoverable, and that no arrears be allowed to accrue in future. That the Courtown Harbour Committee be instructed to examine the Boat Register for Courtown and strike out the names of all Boats which are permanently out of commission."

Disqualification of Members of Co. Councils,
& Co Committees of Agriculture.

In connection with the provisions of Application of Enactments Order which debars Members of County Councils, and of Co Committees of Agriculture from participating in the benefits of County Schemes, Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P., forwarded for the information of the Council the following letter on behalf of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, under date 23rd February:-

"With reference to your further letter of the 15th instant, and enclosures, relative to members of Committees appointed under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, being debarred from participating in the benefits resulting from County Schemes, I am desired by Mr Birrell to say that this question was not raised by the department of Agriculture, but has been the subject of protracted litigation and the Court of King's Bench recently decided that County Committees came within Sub-Article 6 of Article 12 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898 and members of these Committees are, therefore, subject to the above restriction.

Mr Birrell does not share the fear expressed in the Wexford resolution that the Cattle Improvement Scheme will suffer to any extent to speak of by reason of this decision, and, in his opinion the advantages will considerably outweigh any possible disadvantages. In any case legislation would be required to alter the existing rule, and it would be quite impossible to introduce any legislation on the subject at present."

Mr P. Ffrench, M.P., forwarded the following letter received from

Mr T. W. Russell, Vice-President Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 20th February:-

"I have received your letter enclosing copy of a Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting held on the 11th instant.

As you are probably aware, the King's Bench recently decided that the Application of Enactments Order applies to the statutory Committees of the Department. The legal proceedings which eventuated in this decision were not instituted by the Department, the matter had been raised from time to time by members of the public who felt themselves aggrieved, and I very much doubt whether even if the Department saw its way to promote legislation with a view to reversing the decision, such legislation would be entertained by the House of Commons. It is very hard to dispute the soundness of the principle that members of public bodies should not participate in the benefits accruing from schemes administered by such bodies. But, at any rate, the possibility of raising a contentious issue of this character in Parliament is in the present circumstances absolutely out of the question. Of course the threat of the Wexford County Council, not to strike a rate unless parliament takes action such as indicated, is a matter entirely for the Council themselves to decide."

"No Order".

County Committee Gaelic League.

The following resolutions were received from the County Committee of the Gaelic League--

"That as the existence of native industries is essential to the material prosperity and National Welfare of our Country, we respectfully call on the people of County Wexford, to give the Industrial Movement that generous measure of support which they gave in the early days of the Gaelic League."

"That in view of the long duration of the world and the shortage of food supplies owing to the disturbed state of the wheat growing countries we wish to record our appreciation of the action of these farmers in County Wexford who, at the suggestion of the Clergy, Press, Public Boards and Public men, have sown an extra quantity of wheat, and we recommend more extensive sowing of grain during the Spring."

"These resolutions were endorsed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman."

South Ireland Cattle Traders Association.

The following resolution was received from South of Ireland Cattle Traders Association:-

"That we respectfully request the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, to revoke the regulation at present in force, imposing two hours compulsory detention on cattle in the inspection yard at the port of embarkation. This detention hampers the trade to an enormous extent. We are of opinion that there is no justification whatever, for this two hours detention at present, seeing that the Country is now certified to be free from disease for the past seven months. We, of course, have no objection to a reasonable inspection before shipment, but the present system entails hardships and suffering to the animals, besides severe pecuniary losses entailed on the owners."

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

Under date 29th March 1915, the following resolution was read from Irish Cattle Traders & Stock owners Association--

"That a permanent Depot fully equipped for the reception of Military and Government Stores and supplies be established in Dublin, as Ireland is entitled to the same facilities for tenders and customers of Irish products and manufacturers as those afforded in Great Britain."

"Adjourned to next meeting of County Council."

Settlement of Land Question.

A resolution was received from Lismore R. D. Council, calling for the prompt compulsory settlement of the Irish Land Question.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Accommodation Sick & Wounded Soldiers-Co Infirmary.

Under date 29th March, the following resolution was read from the Committee of County Wexford Infirmary:-

"The Committee unanimously decide to give the accommodation of ten beds to Sick and Wounded Soldiers (not infectious cases) at the cost of 4/- per head per diem, with an additional impost should it be found necessary to incur extraordinary and unforeseen outlay. the Hospital is not provided with X Ray Apparatus and the resolution is subject to the approval of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Kehoe the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Infirmary Committee be informed that the Wexford County Council have no objection to the proposed arrangements to be made for sick and wounded officers and soldiers at the Institution."

Analyst's Report.

The following report of the County Analyst was read--

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December 1914.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	42
Butter	37
Whiskey	16
Buttermilk	10
Cheese	8
Margarine	4
Brandy	2
Port Wine	1
Rum	1
Gin	1
Total	<u>122</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk which was adulterated with at least 32 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tushy, Gorey, for specimen of buttermilk which was adulterated with at least 22 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmon, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 56 per cent of its fats.

There were three 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 eighteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed.
one was incorrect.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford,
three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Total analyses.. 158

C. A. Cameron.

Courtown Harbour Committee. Marked "Read"

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Lord Courtown, Mr John McGarry, Courtown Harbour, was appointed a member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr James Sinnott deceased."

Proposed by Mr Hearn, seconded by Lord Courtown, :-

"That the Harbour Master of Courtown be empowered to procure eight
oar poles at a cost not exceeding 28/-"

"Passed".

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this th 5 day of May 1915.

SPECIAL MEETING.-21st APRIL 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st April 1915.

Present:- Mr John Belger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs C H. Peacecke, A. Kinsella, N. J. Cowman, J. J. Stafford, R. Scallan, P. Keating, T. Asple, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle, Lord Courtown, M. Cloney, and James Codd.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we convey to our esteemed colleague Mr P. O'Neill, the expression of our sincere regret at the loss he has sustained in the death of his brother."

That our Secretary be instructed to forward copy of this resolution to Mr O'Neill."

Striking of Rate.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Keating, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for year 1915-6, as agreed to at the Meeting of the County Council on 11th February 1915, and allow and make the same, as assessed in the Rate Books said Rate being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished by the Commissioner of Valuation, that the allowance for said rates as entered at foot of said rate Books signed by the Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the County Council, and Countersigned by the Secretary.

That the Warrants of the Rate Collectors to collect the said Rates be sealed and signed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the Demands on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy,, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above Urban District Councils, after allowing for credit items being, viz--

District	Co Charges.			Union Charges.			Separate Charges.			Total.		
	£.	s.	d	£.	s.	D	£.	s.	d	£.	s.	D.
Enniscorthy	513.	18.	4	565.	0.	0	1.	9.	0	1080.	7.	4
New Ross.	490.	9.	1	890.	12.	10	18.	19.	9	1400.	1.	8
Wexford.	1080.	9.	7	932.	8.	0	10.	1.	2	2022.	18.	9

Death of Mr P. Nolan, Rate Collector.

The Secretary reported that Mr P. Nolan, Rate Collector, for No. 14 Collection District, died on 7th April.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that the new Collector should be paid at the poundage rate of 7d in the £, and that the appointment should be made on 5th May.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Report of Special Committee.-Road Inspection.

At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council on 7th April, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs C. H. Peacecke, James Codd, P. Keating, R. Scallan, J. J. Kehoe, and J. J. Stafford, be appointed a Committee to inspect the Roads referred to in the letter of Dr Hearn, Solicitor, and report to the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 21st inst., Inspection to take place on 9th inst., the Committee to start from the County Courthouse, at 2. 0'C., p.m.,

The following Members of the Committee attended the inspection- Messrs James Codd, R. Scallan, James J. Stafford, and John J. Kehoe.

They were accompanied by Dr Hearn, the County Surveyor, and the County Secretary.

Mr Peacecke wrote apologising that he could not attend, and Mr Keating was absent owing to a cold.

The Committee beg to submit the following recommendations:-

"The bank on right side of the road leading to New Ross, on New Ross side of the road about 100 yards from Ferrycarrig Bridge and loose patch of stones adjacent thereto should be removed.

At the turn at Ardcanrisk Bridge gravel should be used to blind the loose metalling which has been placed on the widening of the corner, the widening should be continued to river wall and properly banked to

this point, as this is one of the most dangerous corners to be met with in the County.

The Committee found a considerable number of large patches of unbonded material on the section from Kneekkeen cross to Temcoel cross. They are satisfied that this has occurred owing to the fact that the material was spread too late, i.e., sometime in February last for the following reasons.-

- 1.- The contract did not start until the first of July 1914.
- 2.- Some delay was experienced in regard to the opening of new quarry at Ballyhine.
- 3.- Negotiations had been entered into with the Road Board to obtain a grant from that body to have a section of this road steamrolled, and in consequence of the War the grant could not be secured as the County Council were not in a position to prove that exceptional distress existed in the district. The proper season for spreading the material was considerably overdue before the conclusion of these negotiations.

The Committee consider that Nos 2 and 3 furnish satisfactory reasons to account for the present condition of this road.

Two courses are open to provide a remedy (a) To rake off the present material. (b) To induce the Wexford Rural District Council to provide the necessary amount to consolidate the existing material. the first of these remedies the Committee regard as unbusinesslike and wasteful. Raking off the present material will have the effect of increasing the subsequent cost of maintenance.. By consolidating the present amount of metalling with a roller the road will derive great benefit, and the danger which exists by the present condition of affairs to vehicular traffic of all kind will be obviated. The size of metalling is larger generally than would obtain for an ordinary contract but this arises because the stones were prepared for rolling, and there was every reason to believe that the Grant from the Road Board would have been secured were it not for the War.

The Committee understand that the road will be under the consideration of the Wexford Rural District Council on the 10th inst., and they request Mr Barry to bring before the District Council the advisability of spending portion of the money in his proposal for maintenance towards consolidating the present metalling. The Committee would suggest that a sum of about £35 should be allocated for this purpose and they are convinced that this amount would be more than

saved in future maintenance. Besides this action would be considerable benefit later, when the grant will be received from the Road Board. In the meantime the proposal of the Committee would insure a good road for the travelling public.

The Committee consider that the large material on the section of the road from Poulpeasty Bridge to Scullabogue, and from Scullabogue to Kneekreen Cross via Taghmon, should be raked off.

The further direct that the County Surveyor should request Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to furnish an explanation as to why he found it necessary to instruct the Contractor to remove such a large quantity of metalling from Road No. 18 R.

The County Surveyor reported that at the meeting of Wexford Rural District Council on the 10th inst., a proposal was approved which would allow of the material on section of the road from Kneekreen Cross to Temceale Cross being consolidated by rolling.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed:-

"That the Report of the Special Road Committee as to their inspection of Wexford-New Ross Road be received and approved."

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be drawn to the inefficiency of the supervision exercised by the Assistant Surveyor in charge of Roads 13W and 18R. And we adjourn the consideration as to what action we will take in the matter until we see if the work of this Assistant will be performed with greater efficiency."

"That a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr Hearn for having placed his Motor Cars at the disposal of the Special Committee which inspected Wexford-New Ross Road, for having accompanied the Committee, and for giving information to the Committee in regard to the Road inspected by them, which the Committee found most necessary, and useful. We feel that the complaints made by Dr Hearn were reasonable and in every way justified."

The following letter under date 20th April 1915, was read from Dr W. F. Hearn:-

"I feel it is due to me as having brought so many complaints regarding the Wexford to New Ross Road before your Council, and the manner

manner in which these complaints have been met by the Council's Surveyor in creating the distinct issue between him and myself as to the accuracy of my statements that inasmuch as the road has now been inspected by a committee, your Council on hearing the report of such committee should express their views on my complaints as to whether or not they were justified. I claim this recognition on the ground that while I was doing a public duty, yet it was nevertheless not free from unpleasantness, and that it would be most unfair to me with the actual knowledge now in possession of your Council the matter should be passed over in silence. The Council may rest assured I make no complaints that I cannot establish. I would therefore be obliged by your calling the Council's attention to my request."

Minutes - Tuberculosis Committee.

The resolutions of the above Committee in respect of Meeting 23rd February, were laid before the Meeting:-

Proposed Sanatorium- "That proposed Sanatorium and Central Dispensary at Windmills Hill, Wexford, be erected in concrete and that the County Surveyor take steps as soon as possible to obtain the formal approval of the Local Government Board to the plans of these buildings."

Purchase of Land for Sanatorium. "That inasmuch as building materials have increased so much in price since the formal negotiations for purchase of plot at Windmills Hill, Wexford, with the Community of St John of God were carried out, this Committee find they are unable to pay out the capital sum for purchase of land and redemption of their share of the rent of plot at Windmills Hill, and, at the same time, have the necessary buildings for the purpose of the scheme erected, we request the Rev Mother and the Community of St John of God to allow the capital sum for purchase of tenant right, viz- £350 and for redemption of rent-Viz- £231 to remain out at interest at 5 per cent per annum for five years. That our Secretary wait on the Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, and explain to her the circumstances which render this action imperative on the part of the Committee. that the Local Government Board be requested to sanction this arrangement provided it will be agreed to by the Rev Mother and Community of St John of God Convent."

In connection with this proposal, the Local Government Board wrote under date 30th March (letter No. 17248 : 1915) approving of the proposal and suggesting that the County Council should reserve the

power to pay off the capital sum at any time on giving six months' notice.

Resolutions of Tuberculosis Committee as appearing on Minutes of Committee for 23rd March, and dealing with salary of Nurse Stafferd, Employment of Nurse Hibbitts, and N. J. Fräzelle, repairs of New Ross Dispensary, Ballycullane Dispensary, Bank Account of Committee, resignation of the Marquis of Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and recommendations as to treatment of three cases of Tuberculosis, were laid before the Meeting.

Mr Stafferd proposed, and Mr Kinsella seconded the confirmation of the Minutes of the Tuberculosis Committee, but withdrew the motion in view of the following motions by the Chairman.

"That in the event of our not carrying out the erection of Dispensary and Sanatorium at present, we request the Local Government Board to inform us how long would the Capital sum set aside for this purpose be available, and in the event of our not building a Sanatorium and erecting a Dispensary only, would the amount allocated by the Treasury be still available."

"Passed".

The Chairman proposed:-

"That our Secretary obtain information from the other County Councils of Ireland as to what arrangements they have made regarding erection of Sanatoria and Dispensary and for the general treatment of Tuberculosis."

"Passed".

The Chairman proposed:-

"That the further consideration of this matter be adjourned to 5th May."

Irish Education Act 1892.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Gorey Rural District Council, under date 18th March 1915, stating that at the previous meeting of the R. D. Council, a resolution had been adopted that the Compulsory education Act (Irish Education Act 1892, 55 & 56 Vic, cap 42) be put in force in Gorey Rural District.

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

"That in conformity with section 15 (2) of 55 and 56 vic., cap 42 (Irish Education Act 1892) we hereby agree that the provisions of

this Act shall apply to Gorey Rural District, (except that portion of the said Rural District comprising Gorey Town). That the School Attendance Committee^{to} be formed under this resolution be composed of ten members. That the Gorey Rural District Council be requested at their next meeting to recommend the names of the five members of the Committee who will represent the County Council as Local Authority for appointment at the Meeting of the County Council. That the Commissioners of National Education be requested to appoint their representatives of the School Attendance Committee without delay,. That as soon as the Committee is complete, our Secretary summon the first meeting of the Committee to fix the number of officers which the Committee desire to employ, their rate of remuneration, and the date of their appointment.

Train Service-Gt S. & W. Railway.

The following letter under date 10th April 1915, was read from the General Manager, Great Southern & Western Railway, Kingsbridge, Dublin:-

"With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, submitting copy of Resolution adopted by your Council on the 7th idem, regarding the withdrawal of the 4 p.m., train from Wexford to Waterford, I beg to say I regret very much that we are obliged to take this course, which, as you will observe from the advertisement on the subject, has been due to the present War conditions."

"No Order"

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of Meeting of 6th April, were laid before the meeting:-

The Committee recommended that the Harbour Master obtain 100 coal bags at a cost not exceeding £7. 10/-, and obtain timber to repair discharging boats at a cost not exceeding £2."

Lord Courtown proposed, and Mr peacecke seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee.

"Adopted"

National Union of Railwaymen.

The following resolution under date 27th March 1915, was received from the Dublin & South Eastern District Council of the National Union of Railwaymen:-

"That this meeting of the Dublin & South Eastern District Council

wish to draw the attention of the Government, the Members of the Labour and Irish Parliamentary Parties, and the President of the Board of Trade, to the following facts:-

- (a)- That the Directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, in a Circular issued to the Staff, state, that owing to reduced income and increased expenditure consequent on the War, and the fact that they, in common with other Irish Railway Companies, have no guarantee from the Government to make good any loss sustained during the present crisis, they are unable to make a more generous allowance to their employees than 1/- per week to men with, including Sunday pay, less than 20/- per week, and
- (b)- That the wages of the employees of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., are from 10 to 15 per cent lower than are paid to any other Irish Railway Co.,

And having regard to the above facts, we hereby call upon the Labour Party and the Irish Parliamentary Party, to impress upon the Government the advisability of Guaranteeing to the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., a proportion (similar to that Guaranteed to the English, Scotch, and Welsh Railway Companies) of any allowance they might make, that will enable them to do justice to the requirements of the men, and to alleviate, in some degree, the hardships inflicted upon Irish Railwaymen, as upon all the other Railwaymen in the United Kingdom, by the enormous increase in the cost of living.

And further, that we ask the President of the Board of Trade to meet a Deputation of the Dublin & South Eastern Railwaymen, in order that they may fully discuss the matter."

Mr Peacecke proposed:-

"That we approve of the resolution from the National Union of Railwaymen (D. & S. E. Railway District).

Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Stafford proposed as an amendment:- "That no action be taken on the resolution from the National Union of Railwaymen."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

A poll was taken for and against the amendment, with the following result:-

For the Amendment:-Messrs Cowman, Kinsella, Stafford, J. A. Doyle, Asple, J. Codd, Scallan, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman.-9

Against:-Messrs M. Doyle, Keating, Cleney, Peacecke and Kehoe.-5.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. When put as the

substantive motion it passed nem con."

Law of Compensation for Criminal Injury.

The following resolution was read from the Waterford Co. Council:-

"That Parliament be called upon to repeal the law as regards the imposition of charges for Malicious Injury, on the grounds that it works unjustly on the Ratepayers made liable."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr M. Doyle."

Ireland as a Tourist Resort.

The following resolution from Limerick Co Council, was submitted:-

"That we, the Roads Authority, of the Limerick County Council, heartily approve of the proposal made by Mr John Maher-Leughnan, B. L., Killarney, in a recent issue of the Freeman's Journal, suggesting that the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be asked to convene an All-Ireland Meeting in the Mansion House at an early date, with the object of inaugurating a movement in support of the claims and the advantages of Ireland as a health and tourist resort."

The unrivalled natural advantages with which nature has so richly endowed our country, as well for the health-seeker as for the tourist, are at present time comparatively unknown, but we believe that this movement if successfully organised, would be the means of enlightening the travelling public and would be productive of material benefit to all parts of Ireland, as we are convinced that it only requires the agencies of advertisement, such as are adapted in England, Scotland, and Wales, to make the health and tourist resorts of Ireland known and appreciated throughout the universe."

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

Military and Government Stores.

Under date 29th March, the following resolution was read from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association:-

"That a permanent Depot fully equipped for the reception of Military and Government Stores and supplies be established in Dublin, as Ireland is entitled to the same facilities as these afforded in Great Britain."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Prosecution-Meter Duty.

Under date 19th April 1915, the following letter was read from

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, relative to the prosecution of Dr M. K. O'Brien Bannow, by the County Council:-

"In this case, which was heard at Duncormack on Friday, the 16th inst., the Magistrates (J. J. Roche Esq J. P., (In the Chair) and John Ennis Esq J. P.) inflicted a Penalty of £20 on the Defendant for neglecting to deliver a Declaration as to his meter, and also £1 for Costs over and above any Duties to which he might be liable in respect of his Car or Cars, but they also made a recommendation that the Council should reduce such Penalty to 20/- and 20/- Costs. I stated I would lay this recommendation before the Council and as the matter has now got publicity perhaps it may have the effect in making defaulters pay up or send in Declarations.

So will you kindly bring the matter before the Co Council at their Meeting on Wednesday."

Mr Stafford proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed

res. con:-

"That the fine imposed on Dr O'Brien, Bannow, for neglecting to deliver a Declaration under Motor Car Act 1903, be reduced to £1 and that the amount of Costs fixed by the Magistrates viz:- £1 be allowed to stand."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this ¹⁵ 5 day of *May* 1915.