

MEETING.-5th APRIL 1916.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th April 1916.

Present:- Lord Courtown, and subsequently Mr J. J. Stafford, presiding.
Also:- Messrs Mark Codd, P. Whelan, A. Kinsella, M. Cloney, J. Redmond, John J. O'Byrne, James A. Doyle, J. T. Mayler, P. Keating, James Codd.

Lord Courtown was moved to the Chair, on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Whelan.

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 signed.

Death of Mrs M. A. Ennis.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, and adopted nem con:

"That we offer to our late colleague -Mr M. A. Ennis- our heartfelt condolence in the sad loss sustained by him in the death of his wife, and direct our Secretary to forward Mr Ennis a copy of this resolution."

Striking of Rate.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for year 1916-7, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on 2nd February 1916, 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 of 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:†

District.	Co. Charges.	UnionCharges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	600. 11. 0	560. 10. 2	25. 19. 6	1187 . 0. 8
New Ross	574. 10. 3	876. 15. 9	27. 14. 2	1479. 0. 2
Wexford.	1246. 2. 8	1126. 19. 11		1375. 2. 7

Naval and Military War Pensions Local Committee.

Circulars were received from the Statutory Committee, Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation as to the establishment under the above Act of a Local Committee.

The Corporation also forwarded draft of a model Scheme.

The Secretary stated that as suggested by the Secretary to the Corporation, he was endeavouring through the police and through the Sailors and Soldiers Families Association, to obtain an estimate of the widows, children and other dependents of deceased soldiers in the various parts of the County.

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

"That a local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions etc., Act 1815, be formed, the number of which is to be 31, made up as follows:-

Appointed by County Council	16
Soldiers & Sailors Families' Association	5
Women's National Health Association	3
St Vincent de Paul Society	3
Representatives of Urban Labour	2
National Trade & Labour League	2
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That the model Scheme as submitted by the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, be adopted."

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 6th March 1916, the Irish Land Commission forwarded for the information of the County Council, a list of defaulting Land Purchase

Annuitants against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recovery of the instalment due on 1st November and the 1st December last, in respect of advances made under the Acts of 1891-6, and 1903-9, respectively. The non-payment in time of the instalments had involved a charge upon the County Rates.

Under date 1st March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 5660-1916, Miscellaneous) that the sums withdrawn from the Guarantee Fund, were less than the repayments made to the Fund by £599. 6. 10d, and this amount would be added to the share of the County in the Estate Duty Grant.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Land Commission the names of defaulting annuitants who have paid up to the 1st May, and that the County Council consider the advisability of publishing the list of defaulters remaining after 1st May."

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 30th March 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, (letter No. G. 1293-16) wrote that five samples of butter purchased at New Ross on 10th February, and six samples at Enniscorthy on 11th February proved on analysis to be pure.

Marked "Read"

Collection of Motor Duty.

The following reply from the Local Government Board, under date 24th February (No. 8937-1916, Wexford Co.,) was read in connection with a query as to whether persons who used their Motor vehicles exclusively for hire were obliged under section 29 of 32 and 33 Vic., cap 14, to enter in a book the description of the carriages they had for hire, and names and addresses of the persons to whom they are hired, with the dates of hiring:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, on the subject of the enforcement of Motor Car licence duty in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they note from an opinion of Counsel which was obtained at the instance of your County Council in 1914, that the view is expressed that a motor car kept for hire is exempt from this duty, though Counsel qualifies this view by a statement that the

question involves a point by no means clear,.

The County Council, should, however, in considering claims for exemption give careful attention to the terms of section 4 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act 1888. It will be observed that the terms "carriage" therein used does not include:-

1.- A wagon, cart, etc., used solely for "the conveyance of any goods or burden in the course of trade or husbandry" and having the name and place of abode of the person keeping it painted thereon,

2.- A "Hackney Carriage" i. e., "any carriage standing or plying for hire", any carriage let for hire by a coachmaker or other person whose trade or business it is to sell carriages or to let carriages for hire, provided that such carriage is not let for a period amounting to three months or more."

The Board, in the absence of a competent legal decision on the specific point raised in your letter, would prefer not to express a definite opinion as to the application of the Section of the Act of 1869 referred to by you. If the County Council find it impossible to administer their duties successfully without recourse to the Section, possibly they might deem it well to have the point decided by means of a test case."

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

"That Mr E. Lamphier, Bank of Ireland, Gorey, be prosecuted for not paying Motor duty, and keeping a register of the hiring of his motor car."

Estate Duty Grant.

Under date 23rd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding a Pay Order with Schedule for payment of £1925, 18. 4, being the second instalment in respect of Estate Duty Grant, on behalf of the Boards of Guardians included in the County for year ended March 1916,

Under date 23rd March, the Local Government Board forwarded Pay Order for £1742. 1. 5 the second instalment for Estate Duty to the County Council as Road Authority for the year ended 31 st March 1916.

Marked "Read"

Medical & Educational Grant.

Under date 11th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Pay Order for £871. 7. 1d balance in respect of expenditure incurred for Medical and Educational Purposes by the Boards of Guardians of Unions in

the County Wexford. Owing to the insufficiency of the Local Taxation Fund to meet the full liability on it a proportionate abatement on the full amount of the grant was made.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Grant.

Under date 10th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 69032-1915, Wexford County) that they had given instructions for the issue of a Paying Order for £62 from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant on account of the half-year to 31st March last. The final payment for the year would be made on the certificate of the Auditor.

Marked "Read"

Reports of L. G. Auditors.

Under date 28th March the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 13448-1916) forwarding reports of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the District Asylum Enniscorthy, in respect of the half-year ended September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 2nd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10626-1916) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wexford Rural District Council in respect of half-year ended September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 2nd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10627-1916, Wexford Union) forwarding report of their Auditor of his audit of the accounts of Wexford Union for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 20th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12733) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Union for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 20th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12734-1916 Gorey Rural District) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Gorey Rural District Council, for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 22nd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 11570-1916, Wexford County Infirmary) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of County Wexford Infirmary in respect

of the half-year ended 30th September 1915.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That the Committee of Management of the County Wexford Infirmary be asked for their observations on the report of the Auditor of the L. G. Board in respect of the period to 30th September 1915."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 16th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 8751-1916, Miscellaneous) assessing upon the County Wexford a sum of £410. 6. 2, under the 71st Section of Diseases of Animals Acts, as adapted, for recoupment of the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Marked "Read"

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 6th March 1916, a letter was read from the National Education Office, stating that the period of service of the School Attendance Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District would terminate on 31st May 1916, and asking to be furnished with particulars as to the persons appointed by the County Council to be members of a new Committee from 1st June 1916.

Under date 6th March 1916 a letter was read from the Enniscorthy R. D. Council recommending the following to be appointed on the new Committee:-

L, Harte, Clonroche.

Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Edermine.

T. Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

P. J. Bowe, Kiltcally, Enniscorthy.

J. Hall, Boolavogue.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the representatives recommended by the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, were appointed, as the representatives of the County Council on Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 13th March 1916, the Secretary, Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, wrote that at the meeting of his Committee held on 11th March, a motion to increase the salaries of the two School Attendance Officers and the Secretary by £5 each, were carried, making the salaries of the School Attendance Officers £25 each, and of the Secretary £15."

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that the action of the Gorey

Rural District School Attendance Committee be confirmed, and this recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

An application for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act was read from Mr William Keating, Taghmon.

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

That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Wm Keating, Taghmon."

Irish County Councils General Council.

Under date 21st March 1916, a letter was read from Mr A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, stating that the Spring Meeting of the Irish Co Councils General Council, would be held on 28th April 1916, and that notice of any matters for discussion should reach him not later than 14th April.

Marked "Read"

West Sussex County Council.

Under date 23rd February 1916, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (No. D.194-16) that as a result of representations the West Sussex County Council had passed a resolution in virtue of which the Regulations prohibiting the movement into that County of Animals landed from Ireland had been revoked as from 6th March 1916.

Marked "Read"

Butter & Margarine Act.

Under date 3rd February 1916, (letter No. G-413-16) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarding copies of the "Twelfth List" of names approved by them for use in connection with Margarine.

Marked "Read"

Irish Financial Relations.

Under date 16th March 1916, the Hon Secs., Irish Financial Relations Committee, wrote forwarding for adoption by the Council of resolutions protesting against the over taxation of Ireland which had been passed at a public meeting in the Dublin Mansion House, on 29th February.

Resolutions on the same subject adopted by the Dublin Corporation at their meeting on 6th March, was also brought forward.

Mr Kinsella proposed:- "That the resolutions received from the Irish Financial Relations Committee and the Dublin Corporation as regards

the overtaxation of Ireland be consigned to the waste paper basket. That we desire to record our unabated and implicit confidence in Mr J. E. Redmond, M. P., and the Irish Parliamentary party and are quite satisfied to leave the guidance of the Irish Cause in their hands as in the past."

"Mr Keating seconded the resolution which was passed, Mr O'Byrne dissenting."

Action for Personal Injury.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that at the New Ross Quarter Sessions, the County Court Judge had given a decree against the County Council in the case of Murphy v County Council for personal injury caused by tripping over a heap of stones which protruded from a depot over the travelling surface. He had considered it wise to serve notice of appeal.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read--

"That we approve of the action of Mr Elgee in appealing in the case of Murphy v Co Council for personal injury."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Blackstairs & Bantry Commons Ratings.

Mr Elgee reported that as regards disputed ratings on Blackstairs and Bantry Commons, the County Court Judge had decided that they were the property of the Crown, and therefore not liable for rates. He considered it advisable to appeal in this case.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was received:-

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in appealing against the decision of the County Court Judge as to Blackstairs and Bantry Commons Ratings."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Fraudulent Conversion of Road Material.

The County Surveyor brought before the meeting a report from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, as to the taking of road material from Road No. 154W-Contractor Michael Brien- and report from Mr Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, as to the taking of road material from 95E-Thomas Finn, Contractor--

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

such
"That Mr Elgee take/proceedings as he may consider desirable

against Michael Brien, contractor for road 154W, and Thomas Finn, contractor for Road 95E, and the several persons involved, as per the letter of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor under date 31st March 1916."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

In connection with the question of payment to the contractor for building proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to contribute their moiety in respect of the cost of erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett to the contractor on the certificate of the engineer appointed by the joint Counties of Kilkenny and Wexford, to supervise the work of construction of the bridge."

Interference with Road Material.

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

"That in all cases of alleged fraudulent dealing with road material the County Surveyor be empowered in future to consult with Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take the necessary steps to prosecute all parties responsible subject to confirmation of his action at next available meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Hire of Stonebreakers.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to hire a stonebreaker should he find it necessary, in order to provide sufficient road material for contractors"

Duplicate Pay Order.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue duplicate Pay Orders in the following cases (Subsidiary Account) as originals do not appear to have been received by the Payees No. 821 - £2. 6. 3d No. 834 - 16/8 827.-£1. 3. 4d and 833.- 13/4. That notice of estoppel of original orders be served on the Treasurer of the County Council."

Gorey Road Contractors.

Under date 26th February 1916, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"We have been consulted by a number of Road Contractors residing in the neighbourhood of Gorey who inform us that they have been particularly hard hit in the performance of their contracts by reason of the extreme difficulty of obtaining labour and also the increased cost of materials.

As you and your Council are of course aware, a tremendous lot of the labour of the County, particularly of the Northern parts, is employed in the Munition Works at Arklow, and we think it will be freely admitted that in many instances the condition of affairs now is vastly different to what it was when these Contractors entered into their contracts with the Council.

We would, therefore, feel obliged if you would kindly put this matter on your Agenda for next meeting, and if the Council will be good enough to give us an opportunity of being heard on behalf of the Contractors, we think it is quite possible that some reasonable method of relief, to what is an undoubted grievance through no fault of either party could be evolved."

This matter was before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 15th March 1916, when the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, under date 26th February 1916, be referred to the County Council. That the County Council be informed the Finance & Roads Committee have gone fully into this matter and recommend the Council not to interfere with the provisions of any Contracts into which they have entered."

Proposed by Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Doyle, and adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, under date 26th February 1916, as regards Gorey Road Contractors."

Finance & Roads Committee recommendations.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee were laid before the Meeting:-

Rate Collection:- "That our Secretary communicate with the Collectors who have not up to the 12th February, collected at least 35 per cent of their Collections and inform them that the Finance & Roads Committee expect that these Collectors will make considerable progress in their Collections by next meeting of the Committee."

"That Messrs Mullett, and Doyle, Rate Collectors, be directed to attend the monthly meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee in April next, to explain their present methods of collection."

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, report to April meeting of the Finance &

Roads Committee if he considers any responsibility is thrown on the Council in the event of a Guarantee Society not being informed that Collectors are not carrying out their duties with "due diligence" and according to the terms of their bond."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Under date 20th March 1916, letter was received from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with reference to above, and was referred to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Kilmore Pier:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr A. D. Delap, Engineer, and point out to him that the Finance & Roads Committee consider that the work of examining the foundations of Pier at Kilmore should not be undertaken until about the end of March or first of April, provided the weather be suitable."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Road Machinery:- "That we empower the County Surveyor to examine the wagons offered for sale by Messrs Thompson, Bros., Quay, Wexford, and report to next meeting of this Committee their condition of repair and what he considers would be a reasonable figure to offer for them."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

The County Surveyor stated that he had been informed by Messrs Thompson that the wagons were about to be sold to the War Office."

Courtown Harbour Master:- "That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Mr Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, for an increase of salary."

"At a subsequent meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee a recommendation was received from the Courtown Harbour Committee pointing out that the application of the Harbour Master was a most reasonable one and should receive the favourable consideration of the Council, and in view of this the Finance & Roads Committee referred the matter to their next monthly meeting.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Courtown Harbour Weighbridge:- That a copy of the letter of Messrs Pooley & Co., Ltd., under date 12th February 1916, explaining why it was that they were not in a position to carry out their contract for annual examination and verification of weighbridge, be furnished the Courtown Harbour Committee, with an expression of opinion that the Finance & Roads Committee consider

the explanation satisfactory."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Courtown Harbour-Watchman's House:- "That Andrew Byrne, Watchman, Courtown Harbour, be informed the Finance & Roads Committee are prepared to allow him the sum of £3 provided he can get the defective flooring in his house properly replaced to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Coals Gorey Courthouse:- "That the County Council cannot see their way to increase the allowance of Coals for Gorey Courthouse, as they consider amount allowed should furnish an ample supply of coals."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Arnestown Ratings:- "That our Secretary be instructed to lay before the Local Government Board to correspondence in connection with ratings of Mr J. M. Roche, at Arnestown, New Ross Rural, and ask them if there be any objection to Mr J. M. Roche being refunded amount of rate paid by him in error in respect of half year ended 30th September 1915."

The Secretary explained that Mr Roche was rated for these holdings but it was accidentally discovered that they were not his property. As Mr Roche in a personal visit to the Valuation Office had ascertained that nothing could be done until a revision of his valuation had been carried out he had paid the rates, and would not raise any further question pending the revision.

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Road No. 145E:- "That letter from Mr John Doyle, Ballymore, Camolin, Contractor, for Road No. 145E., under date 28th January 1916, be referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Ballymurry Quarry:- "That the letter of Messrs Stopford & Turner, Land Agents, under date 11th February 1916, relative to proposed sale of Ballymurry Quarry by Capt Maher, to the County Council, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor and to the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

New Rock Drill:- "That the tender of Messrs Fleming & Co., Glasgow, for New 20 foot Rock Drill at £138. 15. 10d be accepted, subject to the confirmation of County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Damage to Stonebreaker:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 15th March 1916, dealing with the breakage of frame of Stonebreaker the County Surveyor stated that the breaker was employed by a Road Contractor at the time this occurred. There was no man representing the County Council present when the breaker was hired to Road Contractors. The cost of repairing the frame would be about £50.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to advertise for a competent man to take charge of stonebreakers of the Council at a salary of 25/- per week (to be added to the hireage of breaker) in the event of his being unable to select a suitable man from his present staff for this purpose."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Boyce's Bay Contract:- "That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to take such steps as he may consider necessary to compel Mr Henry P. Gahan, to carry out his contract at Boyce's Bay (New Ross District) or to recover any extra cost which the County Surveyor may incur in carrying out such contract."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Duncannon Hulk:- That the question of liability of the County Council under the Marine Risk Insurance Policy re Duncannon Hulk, effected by the County Surveyor on behalf of the County Council, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

New Ross Courthouse:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to bring in a proposal at next meeting of Proposal Committee for making of new Press for New Ross Courthouse."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Wagons for Haulage Purposes:- That the County Surveyor be authorised to issue the necessary advertisements for supply of second hand wagons (six to seven tons capacity)".

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Sheep Dipping:- The Secretary submitted Orders and correspondence from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in connection with Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, and Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting of 15th March 1916, had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the County Council at their next meeting to consider the advisability of appointing four sheep dipping Inspectors, viz- one for each Rural District of the County."

Mr Doyle proposed:- "That two Sheep Dipping Inspectors, one for Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts, and one for New Ross and Wexford Districts, be appointed, at £26 each to cover Summer and Autumn dipping periods."

Mr Cloney seconded.

"Passed"

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst in respect of quarter ended 31st December 1915, 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 1915.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	53
Milk	43
Whiskey	28
Drugs	27
Buttermilk	16
Cheese	12
Flour	12
Bread	11
Rum	11
Margarine	9
Indian Meal	9
Sugar	8
Port Wine	7
Cocoa	6
Oatmeal	5
Tea	5
Dripping	5
Ginger Wine	5
Brandy	4

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Coffee	3
Cornflour	3
Lard	3
Sweets	3
Pepper	3
Claret	2
Rice	2
Mustard	1
Sherry	1
Vinegar	2
Total	<u>302</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water and two certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13 and 20 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Howard, Newtownbarry, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 19 per cent, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 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 vinegar containing only 1.86 per cent of acetic acid instead of 4 per cent.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Ferns, for specimen of Spirits of Nitre containing a mere trace of ethyl nitrite instead of from 1.52 to 2.66 per cent.

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

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Rural District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters	46.200	68.600
Including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.00005	0.00005
Nitric Acid	2.620	8.120
Chlorine	10.890	11.580
Colour	almost Colourless.	almost Colourless.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

Three specimens of Indian Meal were analysed for J. B. Hearne, New Ross.

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

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..... 338

Adulterated and defective articles..... 7.

----- Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Wexford National Teachers County Association.

Resolutions were received from the Wexford National Teachers' County Association dealing with:-

- (a) their appeal to the Government and the Treasury to add to the present salaries of Irish National Teachers a substantial increase, so that they may be enabled to provide for their families and themselves the ordinary necessities of life, and
- (b) their request to the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland to take such action as they deem best calculated to prevent the burden of supplying books etc., unfairly imposed on Irish parents being aggravated by any increase in the cost of these necessary materials owing to the operation of the Board of Trade restrictions regarding the importation of paper. In England and Scotland provision is made for supplying children of Elementary Schools with free books and stationery.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cloney, copies to be sent to the persons named in the resolution and to the County Councils of Ireland."

Amalgamation of Workhouses.

Under date 23rd March 1915, the following resolution was read from Tyrone County Council:-

"That we call upon the Government to bring in and pass without delay a

one clause Measure amending the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1914, by the omission of the words "in connection with the present War" or otherwise so as to enable the Local Government Board to make provision by Order for the more economical administration of Poor Relief by closing superfluous Workhouses or otherwise in Unions the geographical position of which makes amalgamation with other Unions inexpedient."

"No action"

Traction Engine and Motor Wagon Traffic.

Under date 27th January 1916, the following resolution was read from Newtownards Rural District Council:-

"That the Newtownards Rural District Council draw attention to the great injustice to the Ratepayers by the damage to roads by traction engine and motor wagon traffic, the owners of which contribute little to the rates, and we would request the Government or County Council to have the law so amended that the owners of such vehicles will be brought in and included for adequate taxation, to recoup the ratepayers for the additional expenditure on maintenance of roads due to such traffic."

"No action"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"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."

"Passed"

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 22 and as regards salaries, fixed items of expenditure and quarterly instalments to public bodies financed by the County Council, recommended for payment by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the Proposal Committee, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we authorise the Finance & Roads Committee at their monthly meeting in April to deal with claims for refund of Irrecoverable rates received from

the Rate Collectors in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1916."

Carrigmannon Burning.

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to retain Mr E. Lupton, to represent the County Council on the hearing of the criminal injury application of major and Capt Bryan against the County Council, and that he communicate with Mr J. R. Colfer, Solicitor for Wexford Rural District Council, as to employment of Counsel to represent Wexford R. D. Council."

"That in connection with the application of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, for payment of amounts in cases of Major and Capt Bryan, having regard to the statement of our Solicitor, Mr Elgee, we recommend the County Council to pay over the amounts of the affirmances in these cases when said amounts have been raised off the County-at-large."

"The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

The following resolutions were submitted from the Tuberculosis Management Committee for confirmation:-

"That we accept the terms of the resolution of the County Wexford Insurance Committee of the 28th February 1916, proposing to contribute one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Chief Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse pending the settlement of an agreement between the two Committees as proposed by the Local Government Board and the National Health Insurance Commission, this arrangement to remain in force for a period of twelve months if necessary, and to commence as from the 28th February 1916."

"That requisition for furniture, medicines, etc., for Temporary Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford, submitted by the Tuberculosis Officer be submitted to the Local Government Board for their sanction. That should said sanction be forthcoming our Secretary be instructed to inform the Tuberculosis Officer that he is empowered to order the articles, accepting where possible, the lowest tender."

"That in view of the increased food prices we agree to the application of the Hon Sec to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle, for an increase as from 1st March 1916, in the weekly cost of maintenance of patients sent from this Committee to Newcastle from £1. 1/- to £1. 5/-"

"That we approve of the action of our Secretary in having storm damage

at New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary repaired at a cost of £1. 10. 4d."

"That the field adjoining New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary be let on the eleven months system to Mr Thomas Whelan, Irishtown, New Ross, at £6 for the period in 1916."

"That the tender of the "People" Printing Works for printing Abstracts of Accounts at £2. 6/- be accepted."

"The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 17 day of May 1916