

SPECIAL MEETING.- 7th APRIL 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th April 1920.

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

Also:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, P. N. O'Gorman, John J. Kehoe, W. H. McGuire, James Codd, N. J. Cowman, R. Thorpe, R. Scallan, L. Barry, M. Cloney.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Striking Rate for Financial Year 1920-21.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr O'Gorman--

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1920-21, as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 11th February 1920, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates 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 Presiding Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting, be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Wexford 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 Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items being--

District.	Co.Charges.	Union Charges.	Separate Charges.	Total.
Enniscorthy	944. 5. 5	958. 15. 9	92. 2. 5	1995. 3. 7
New Ross.	932. 0. 5	1402. 18. 7	22. 3. 6	2357. 2. 6
Wexford.	2030. 15. 10	2182. 19. 6	5. 17. 6	4219. 12. 10

Rate Collection.

The Secretary stated that all Collectors had closed their collections with the exception of Messrs Moore and Day. The former had taken over the collection from his deputy, and had as from 31st March last £913. 12. 11d to lodge. He asked for six weeks extension.

Mr Day had received the approval, as temporary Collector, of Guarantee Society only on the 27th March, and he would also require an extension.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors Moore, and Day, be granted (subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board) an extension of time to 15th May 1920, to allow them to close their Rate Collection in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1920."

Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act.

The Local Government Board forwarded under date 12th March 1920, (No. 13229-1920, Miscellaneous) copy of Rates and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919, which empowered County Councils etc., as local authority, to compel persons whose premises were infested with rats and mice to take such steps as may be necessary and reasonably practicable for the destruction of such vermin, and provided for a fine not exceeding £20 for failure to comply with this provision of the Act. Power was also given to the local authority to destroy vermin in the event of the occupier of land neglecting or refusing to do so, recovering from the occupier under Civil Bill the amount of reasonable expenses. The powers of the local authority can be delegated to a District Council or Committee of the local authority. A prosecution cannot be instituted except by the authority of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"No Order"

Motor Car Act.

At the meeting of the County Council on 10th March the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are prepared to apply to the Local Government Board for an Order to restrict the speed of motor cars in any of the Enniscorthy Streets suggested by the Enniscorthy Urban Council on condition that the said Urban Council will be responsible for the cost of public inquiry, without which it is improbable that the Local Government Board will

issue such Order."

Under date 30th March 1920, (letter No. 22834-1920, Wexford Co.) the Local Government Board wrote that their functions in relation to Motor Vehicle had been transferred to the Ministry of Transport.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That when an assurance has been received from Enniscorthy Urban Council, that they are prepared to bear the expense of any local inquiry which may be held in connection with the proposed limitation of speed of Motor Vehicles in Enniscorthy Streets, this Council will apply to the Ministry of Transport for Order of restriction."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Barry:-

"That in order to have the administration of Motor Car Collection duty effectively carried out, we request the Postmaster General to direct Postmasters not to accept declarations as to payment of motor duty unless the Identification Marks and Index Numbers are clearly set out thereon. Otherwise it will be impossible to identify motor vehicles in respect of which Motor Duty has been paid."

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 26th March 1920, the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that as regards the proposal to pay an increase of 25 per cent on the amount of fees in existence before the War in connection with the administration of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, they desired to point out that in 1915, the Veterinary Inspectors were paid by salaries, not fees, for work under the Order. In the circumstances the Department wished to know whether they were to understand if payment by fees is to be substituted for payment by salary, and, if so, what Scale of fees the Council had in view.

The Secretary stated he had informed the Department that the salaries of 1915 paid to the Veterinary Inspectors had been based on amount of fees prior to that year, and the decision of the Council was that the fees which obtained prior to 1915, should be revived and 25 per cent added to them.

The following application was read from the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with this matter:-

"In connection with our previous application for remuneration under the Tuberculosis Order, We desire to point out to you, that when the Order was previously in force we were paid by salary. We are convinced that leaving aside the personal element, it would tend to have the Order properly worked if Veterinary Inspectors were paid by salary. Taking into consideration the present high prices of cattle there may, we fear, be considerable hesitation on the part of farmers to report animals which will be suspected to be suffering from the disease, and particularly in view of the fact that people have not been in the habit of reporting under this Order for more than four years past.

We feel that if some provision be not made to have Veterinary Inspectors placed in a position to induce them to carry out a general supervision within their districts, the Order will be more or less of a "dead" letter.

It has been stated that about 30 per cent of our cattle are affected with Tuberculosis and we certainly hold that the disease should in the interests of the community be stamped out. But to do so the Veterinary Inspectors should not be required to carry out their duties at a loss, which will occur if payment for their services be fixed by fees made on reports from Stockowners.

In view of these matters we would respectfully request the County Council to reconsider their decision and have our remuneration fixed by salary instead of fees.

The figure we asked the Council to fix in our former application was arrived at after consideration. In this regard we would ask the Council to contrast the cost of living and travelling expenses previous to the War.

They will then find that the actual purchasing power of the salary we now ask below the salaries we had when the Order was first adopted, and when the necessity for stringent enforcement of the Order was not so absolutely necessary as at the present time."

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 10th March 1920, a resolution had been adopted asking him to inquire from Messrs James Malone V.S., Arthur Dobbyn, V. S., F. W. Tayler V.S., and W. J. Doyle, V. S., if they were prepared to procure the necessary apparatus for testing milk under Bovine Tuberculosis Order, or if they would prefer to have this work carried out by Mr R. Malone V. S.,

Under date 12th March 1920, Mr F. W. Tayler V. S., New Ross, wrote that he had apparatus for testing milk, and should prefer to test his own

samples on receiving same fee as paid to Mr Malone. At the same time if the other Veterinary Inspectors were sending on their samples to Mr Malone, he would be very pleased to meet the wishes of the Council if they would rather have this course adopted.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr O'German, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council be paid by salary instead of by fees for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

"That £130 be paid for each Union of the County for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

"That Mr R. Malone V. S., receive a remuneration of £130 per annum, for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order for Wexford Union, Mr W. J. Doyle V. S., £130 for Enniscorthy Union, Mr James Malone V S., £130 for Gorey Union, Mr F. W. Tayler V. S., and Mr A. Dobbyn V. S., £65 each for work in New Ross Union."

Mr Tayler V. S., mentioned that the fee for testing milk under Bovine Tuberculosis Order had been fixed at a guinea per sample by the Veterinary Association, and no Veterinary Inspector would carry out this work at a lesser figure.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That any Veterinary Inspector of the Wexford County Council desirous of testing milk under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order be paid at the rate of one guinea per sample."

Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 27th March 1920, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch) wrote that the Development Commissioners were prepared to recommend a grant (not exceeding £500) of one half of the cost of dredging at Kilmore Harbour.

"Referred to Proposal Committee for consideration."

Proposed War Bonus.-New Ross Bridge Contractors,

Letters from Ministry of Transport (R.I.6, Wexford) under date 29th January 1920, and 18th February 1920, re proposed War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Sons, Contractors, New Ross Bridge, was read. The Ministry stated it would appear they had no authority to sanction the proposal, but stated that the Council might favourably consider an application from the Contractors.

to cancel the contract and issue advertisements for the balance of the period. However as the contract would expire in June 1920 this course was not feasible. But except as stated the Ministry could not approve of the proposal of the Council.

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

"That we regret in view of the communications from the Ministry of Transport, the Council are unable to obtain sanction to payment of War Bonus in favour of Messrs Lawler & Sons, Contractors for New Ross Bridge."

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 15th March 1920, the Irish Land Commission forwarded list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County, against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recover of instalments.

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

"That from names appearing on list of defaulting annuitants under Land Purchase Acts we consider no reason exists why amounts of instalments were not paid within the prescribed period."

"The Council will in future publish names of defaulters in the Press."

Application Tuberculosis Officer.-War Bonus or Increase
-----of Salary-----

Under date 31st March 1920, the following was read from Dr W. O'Conner Tuberculosis Officer:-

"In the hope that the cost of living would come down I put off until now asking you to increase my salary or supplement it by way of bonus.

The present value of the salary including the amount allowed for travelling expenses is scarcely equal to a pre-war salary of £200.

Instead of prices falling they are going still higher.

I am not allowed to take any private fees and so am depending altogether on my salary.

I do not expect to be put in as good a position as before the war, but in view of your treatment of your other officers, I hope you will grant me a reasonable increase."

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Dr O'Conner, Tuberculosis Officer, be granted as from 1st April 1920, a War Bonus of £140 per annum, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Tara Hill Quarrymen.

The following application under date 23rd March 1920, was read from Tara Hill Quarrymen:-

"We the Tara Hill Quarrymen take the liberty in writing to ask if you could see your way of granting us an increase of pay, our present wages is not near enough to meet our liabilities, the cost of living being so high. you must take into consideration last time we have through bad weather. Also your kind consideration of weekly payments."

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

"That the quarrymen at Tara Hill Quarry as from 3rd April 1920, be paid at the rate of 8¹/₂d per hour for work in connection with this quarry."

Application Increase Wages-Michael McEvoy, Quarry Foreman.

Under date 19th March 1920, the following was read from the Secretary Wexford Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"Would you be good enough to bring before your next meeting of the Council, the following application for Mr Michael McEvoy, for £3 per week, as this man, as your Council are aware, has to look after two quarries, hoping they will give it the consideration it deserves, as he is a very good servant of the Council since he took up office."

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the wages of Michael McEvoy, quarry foreman, in the employment of Council, be fixed at £2. 15/- per week, as from 3rd April 1920."

Salaries New Ross R. D. School Attendance Officers.

Under date 9th March 1920, the following resolution was read from New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"That the salaries of each of the School Attendance Officers be increased by £10 (ten pounds) a year, as from 1st April next, and that the approval of the County Council be requested thereof."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That we approve of increase of salaries of School Attendance Officers New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee by £10 each per annum, provided the School Attendance Committee secures the sanction of the Rural District Council to the proposal."

Application War Bonus-Road Contractors.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of 61 Road Contractors in Wexford and New Ross Districts, be referred to the Rural District Councils concerned. That as we understand there are about 250 Road Contractors in the same category as the clients of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, we instruct Mr Barry, (County Surveyor) to furnish list of such Contractors with the particulars of their contracts to the Rural District Councils, and that the latter be requested to make some recommendation to the County Council, (1) as to cancelling the present contracts, (2) as to granting additional War Bonus in respect of contracts taken in 1916, and 1917, (3) refusing the application."

Under date 4th March 1920, the Clerk, R. D. Council, Enniscorthy, wrote that his Council considered new contracts should be entered into with the Contractors mentioned."

Under date 30th March 1920, the following resolution was adopted by the Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant a substantial War Bonus to the contractors whose names appear on the requisition before us, the bonus to commence on present half-year's work."

Under date 19th March 1920, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council wrote that the application of Road Contractors for War Bonus was unanimously refused.

Under date 29th March 1920, the Clerk, Rural District Council, Wexford, wrote that after a full discussion, his Council recommended the County Council to give contractors who are at present in receipt of a War Bonus an extra bonus of 20 per cent, and also a bonus of 20 per cent to the other contractors, on whose behalf application had been made.

"It was decided to adjourn the consideration of question of War Bonus to Road Contractors to Meeting in May."

Applications Extensions University Scholarships.

Miss Anna Whelan, George Street, Wexford, applied for a year's extension of her University Scholarship, to enable her to obtain a teaching diploma.

"The Secretary stated that in this case it would be necessary to give Notice of Motion to agree to extension, as an extension specifically for teaching was not covered by the Scheme."

Miss Johanna Fortune, Kereight, Kyle, applied for an extension of her University Scholarship for a year to enable her to do a year's research in Chemistry. She enclosed recommendation from Professor Hugh Ryan, University College, who pointed out that a fourth year's course of research in Chemistry was very desirable if not indispensable.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Barry, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Miss Johanna Fortune, be granted an extension of her University Scholarship for one year, as extensions for scholarship for branches of Science applicable to Agriculture, Commerce or Industry, are specially provided for in University Scholarship Syllabus."

New Ross-Wexford Road.

Under date 23rd March 1920, the following was read from Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross--

"Referring to the order made by the County Council at their last meeting. I desire to call attention to the fact that now the complaint is being dealt with, but in what manner?.

Beyond Larkin's Cross, the material put out is so large that you could not drive over it. Surely it is better to delay a little longer and prepare the material properly rather than pretend that the duty of the responsible official is discharged by such a performance, which suggests either that he gave no personal attention to the subject, or that he is deficient in common sense.

My next point suggests clearly the same complaint, viz:- the absence of common sense, or that the County Surveyor has not inspected the road and given proper or any instructions on the parts of the road that need urgent attention.

In many places between Camross and Larkin's Cross there are very deep ruts with the road surface turned up, the same as a sod of ground by a

plough. In those cases it is incredible to say what is done is, the stones are put in the hole and also on ^{up} top of the/turned surface. In that long distance (Camross to Larkin's Cross) in a few instances an attempt was made at Camross to level the road. How long are we to submit to this want of intelligence about the roads. It is clear having regard to what is left undone and what is being done the whole methods of the County Surveyor's office is radically wrong, and the whole fault lies in that department.

At the road leading down to Ballyshannon Bridge going from Carrigbyrne there was a cutting made across the road, and when finished left in a state that calls for the dismissal of some one, and is still in a very bad way.

I know of no County in Ireland that displays more incompetency. Who is wrong?. The County Surveyor or the County Council? Other Counties can manage their roads, why not County Wexford.

Would you please bring this before the County Council."

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

"That Dr Hearn, Solicitor, be informed that his letter was considered by the County Council, who directed the County Surveyor to attend to New Ross-Wexford Road at once. The County Surveyor informed the Council that it is only now he is in a position to provide the necessary material for the road."

Enniscorthy Urban Council & Rate for Criminal Injuries.

The following resolution of the Enniscorthy Urban Council, adopted at meeting of 26th March 1920, was read:-

"That the Council refuse to strike a rate for separate charges- Criminal Injuries- amounting to £92. 2. 5d, included in County Council Demand, and that the said demand be reduced by that amount."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Enniscorthy Urban Council be informed in connection with their refusal to raise their share of criminal injury decrees, that in the existing state of the law the County Council will be obliged to proceed by Mandamus against Enniscorthy Urban Council, for any portion of demand by the County Council on the Urban Council remaining unpaid on 1st June 1920, 1st September 1920, 1st September 1920, and 1st March 1921."

Oulart Courthouse.

The Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote under date 9th March 1920, that as regards the question of procuring Courthouse in Oulart, it was understood that the owner of the present Courthouse was prepared to sell the premises. The alternative premises offered were not considered as suitable, and there did not appear to be any premises in the locality other than the present Courthouse the purchase of which seemed to be the best way out of the present difficulty.

Under Section 10 of the L. G. (Ireland) 1898 Act, and Article 15 (3) of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, the County Council had power to purchase a petty sessions house, and this power would not seem to be limited by the provisions of section 77 of Grand Jury Act 1836.

In any event it would be open to the Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a determination under Article 15 (3) of Application of Enactments Order."

The Secretary stated that Mr Cooney, owner of the present premises had written that he was prepared to sell the premises.

He had been asked by the Secretary to name a price for the purchase but up to the present had not done so.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr McGuire:-

"That Mr P. Cooney, owner of Oulart Courthouse, be requested to state at what price he was prepared to sell the fee simple of Oulart Courthouse."

Proposed Loan for Steamrolling.

In connection with the proposed loan for steamrolling roads in Wexford Rural District, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 10th March:-

"That we adhere to our agreement with the National Bank and request them to advance loan for £1522 for steamrolling at 3 per cent."

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of this resolution to the Manager of Wexford Branch of the National Bank. He had received the following reply:-

"In reply to your inquiry the rates at which interest was allowed on the County Council's credit of balances for past twelve months were:-

20th March 1919 to 6th November 1919.-2½ per cent.

7th November 1919 to present date.- 3per cent."

The Secretary stated that no reply was made to that portion of the resolution asking the National Bank to advance the amount of the loan.

Mr Thorpe stated he would give notice of motion for Meeting in May that the agreement entered into with the National Bank as regards advances of loans at 3 per cent be determined, and that the County Council accept the offer of the bank under date 9th March 1920, to advance future loans (including the present application for loan for £1522 for steam-rolling) at 4 per cent."

Licences Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to James Codd, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., and that new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Patrick Doyle, Ballycanew, Manager for Branch of Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, and James Cullen, Kilmuckridge, Manager for branch of Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, provided no objection be made to same by the Constabulary Authorities."

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with lists of refunds for amounts of Rates claimed by Rate Collectors as irrecoverable."

Railway Siding at Rathgarogue.

Under date 18th March 1920, the Secretary, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, wrote that the resolution of the County Council as to erection of railway siding at Rathgarogue had been referred for report to the General Manager and Chief Engineer.

Irish Flax Producers' Association.

Under date 25th March 1920, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Flax Producers' Association:-

"Will you please pass as soon as possible a resolution demanding the immediate decontrol of flax, stating in it that any further official interference with our flax crop will be highly detrimental to the sowing

for 1920, and that the suggested settlement of the Flax Scandal is nothing short of an insult, as it is an attempt to put off the flax grower with only a bare fraction of the market value. Further, that the grower is justly entitled to receive at least double what has been paid all season, and that we therefore recommend them to reject such a contemptible compromise as has been proposed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That we call on the Government to de-control flax without further delay. We consider the compromise offered to growers as regards price miserably inadequate and believe that flax-growers are justly entitled to their demands."

War Pensions Committee.

Under date 18th March 1920, the Regional Director Ministry of Pensions (letter No. 5591) wrote approving of the Supplemental Scheme of Constitution for County Wexford Local Committee.

Under date 5th April 1920, the following resolution was received from Mr John Fitzpatrick, Sec., South Wexford Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"That we respectfully ask the County Council to have a representative of the South Wexford Branch of the Irish transport & General Workers' Union, appointed on the War Pensions Committee."

The Secretary stated that Mr Cloney, Member of the County Council, had resigned membership of the Committee.

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

"That Mr Christopher Culleton, Hilltown, Ballycogley, be appointed a member of the County Wexford War Pensions Committee, vice Mr M. Cloney, M. C. C., resigned."

Road No. 175E.

Mr Scallan called attention to the condition of Road 175E which was badly cut up and flooded.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That Mr Curran, Assistant Surveyor, be directed to attend next general meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain what steps he has taken in connection with the repairs of this Road."

The Ballagh Murder.

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be empowered to employ Counsel to represent the County Council at the hearing of application for compensation for £3000 in connection with the murder of Ellen Morris, Ballagh, Enniscorthy."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That as recommended by the Proposal Committee and Finance & Roads Committee proposals for payment for fixed items etc., be and are hereby agreed to."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row,
DUBLIN.- 19th March 1920.

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 1919.

105 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	36
Butter	18
Whiskey	13
Margarine	9
Buttermilk	7
Cheese	5
Lard	4
Tea	3
Mustard	2
Cornflour	2
Bread Soda	2
Rum	2
Brandy	1
Cocoa	1

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Murrhy, Oulart, for specimen of whiskey, which was 32 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 9.1 per cent of water.

There were two specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

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

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

Four specimens of water analysed for C. F. Tottenham Esq, Killowen, New Ross, had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains.:-

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>	<u>No. 4.</u>
Total solid matter	16.100	15.100	16.100	20.300
Including				
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0045	0.007	0.040	0.105
Saline Ammonia	0.0005	0.0005	0.006	0.006
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.290	1.490	1.580	1.780

Nos 1 & 2 were good waters, Nos 3 & 4 were polluted.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, seven drugs were analysed. Three were incorrect.

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.....124.

Charles A Cameron.

Old Age Pension Business.- Vacancies on No. 7 Sub-Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That as recommended by No. 7 Sub-Committee Old Age Pensions, Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., Messrs C. Kavanagh, I. H. Slater, Joseph Brown Junr, and A. P. Bolger, be appointed members of this sub-committee, vice Messrs G. Moran, Joseph Brown Sehr., and Patrick Bolger, deceased, and Messrs D. Cummins, and B. Fitzhenry, disqualified through non-attendance."

(Signed)

James Stafford
1920. Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5th day of

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