

Statutable Quarterly meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> August 1909.

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1909.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding.  
Other members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, Mr. Brown, Mr. A. Ennis, James Codd, G. Walsh, J. J. Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, P. Fortune, J. Cummins, D. Kavanagh, W. Forrestal, Mr. Codd, J. Asple, Mr. Doyle.

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

— Confirmation of minutes. —

The minutes of meetings of 14<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June were read and signed.

— Proposals for Payments. —

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

"That the Proposals for Payment in relation to matters other than Public Works was adopted by the Proposal Committee and the Transfers to Public Bodies be agreed to."

— Confirmation of minutes of committees. —

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis and adopted:-

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee, Diseases of Animals Acts Committee, and Proposal Committee be agreed to."

— Exc-Rate collector Barron —

The following notice of motion given by Mr. Cummins was moved by him:-

"That Mr. James Barron, Rate collector for No. 17. Collection District, be allowed the full amount of Superannuation to which he is entitled under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the Union Officers Superannuation Act 1865, - £ 34. 16. 6<sup>d</sup>

Mr. W. Forristal seconded.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Cummins had given this notice sometime since, and that it had been issued to councillors on 1<sup>st</sup> July, as the act of Parliament required that each member of the council should receive a month's notice.

The three years average of poundage and emoluments of Mr. Barron amounted to £98 : 13 : 8 and the full amount to which he would be entitled was  $\frac{23}{60}$  of this, or £37 : 16 : 6.

The following certificate under date 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1909, was received from Dr. Garrett A. Hickey, New Ross:—  
"Certified that I am in attendance of Mr. James Barron, Newtown, New Ross, who is suffering from Cardiac (Heart) Debility, and in consequence and owing to his age about 70 years, he is unfitted for the office of Rate collector."

On the motion of Mr. Aspley, seconded by Mr. J. A. Doyle, it was decided that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Co. Council and that in the meantime the Secretary ascertain if any superannuation has been granted Mr. Barron from the Co. Councils of Carlow and Kilkenny, and the Urban District Council of New Ross, and also that the Secretary ascertain the amount of emoluments received by Mr. Barron from the abovenamed bodies for the past three years."

— Proposed change of date of closing Rate collection.—

The following notice of motion given by Mr. Cummins was moved by him:—

"That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the Co. Council to change the dates for closing the Rate collection of the county to 31<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> April, instead of 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> March."

The Secretary stated that a resolution to this effect had been passed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1903, and also on 26<sup>th</sup>

June 1909, but the Local Government Board stated on both occasions they could not agree to the change."

The Secretary having read the correspondence from the minutes, Mr. Cummins withdrew the above motion, and moved the following:-

"That as the great majority of the ratepayers of this county, are composed of agriculturists, and, as the present periods for closing the Rate collection inflict considerable hardships on them. We request our Parliamentary Representatives, when an amending measure is introduced in Parliament in connection with the Local Government (Ireland) act, to have a clause inserted giving discretionary power to Co. Councils with the sanction of the Local Government Board, to have the Rate collection closed on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> October, the present periods for closing the Rate collection being altogether unsuited to the farmers of a tillage county."

Mr. Asple seconded. "Passed."

— Proposed Grant to Late Co. Surveyor —

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> July 1909 the following letter (No 88667-1909) Wexford County; was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to grant a sum of £300 to Mr. Henry Webster, late Co. Surveyor, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have no functions in regard to this matter.

I am to suggest, however, that the County Council would do well to be guided by the opinion obtained from Council on the subject."

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> July 1909 the following letter was read from Mr. Webster, late Co. Surveyor:-

"Thanks for your letter of this date. I trust the County Council will stick to their resolution re the £300, as there will be absolutely no risk of their having to pay a surcharge, I having guaranteed not to draw the money until the payment has

passed the auditor, and to refund it to the County Council should the amount be surcharged."

Resolutions protesting against the proposed grant to the late Co. Surveyor, were received from:- Wexford Rural District Council; New Ross Urban District Council; Gorey Rural District Council; Forth Agricultural & Industrial Association.

Mr. Elger read the following opinion of Council to whom the letter of the Local Government Board of 8<sup>th</sup> July '09 had been submitted.

"The opinion I gave applied to a bulk sum for compensation, as well as Superannuation. I think the Co. Council are not entitled to give Mr. Webster £300."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was read:-

"That in view of the letter of the Local Government Board of 8<sup>th</sup> July, and the opinion of Mr. Molony K.B., thereon, we recommend the Co. Council to take no further steps in the matter."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Kehoe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in the case of the vote of the County Council regarding the grant of £300 to Mr. Webster late County Surveyor which was given subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board; as the Local Government Board have not given such consent, and as the opinion of Mr. Molony K.B., is adverse to granting any sum, we cannot see our way to take any further action in the matter."

#### The Late Enquiry re Bridges.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> June the Local Government Board wrote (letter no. 94 M. 1909) requesting the County Council to forward paying order for £29:19:6d amount payable to the Local Government Board in relation to enquiry held recently into the condition of certain bridges in the County.

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Piacocke the amount was ordered to be paid."

— Road Limit of Expenditure- Enniscorthy District. —

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> July 1909 the following letter (No 91645) was read from the Local Government Board relative to extension of the present expenditure on roads in Enniscorthy Rural District :-

"With reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant and previous correspondence relative to the expenditure on roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have assented to an extension of the present limit of expenditure on roads in this Rural District by a sum of £250 for each of the years ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1910, 1911, 1912; and 1913; and to an extension of the fixed limit by a sum of £750 for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1914."

marked "Read."

— Report of Audit of accounts. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> July the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 90746) forwarding the following report of Mr. C. D. Barry, Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford Co. Council in respect of half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1909 :-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Co. Wexford for the half-year ended March last; and I forward herewith, a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

The Local Government Board also forwarded copies of reports of their Auditors as to accounts of Enniscorthy Asylm. and Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

marked "Read."

— Sealed Orders. —

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of Sealed Orders:- Supply of water at Ballinadrishogue, Rural District of Enniscorthy; are of charge. and supply of water at Bree, same area of charge.  
marked "Read"

— Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> June the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 89 M. 1909) forwarding a memorandum on the objects of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, with a summary of the provisions of the Act and also a copy of Order made by the Board prescribing the forms of stages of Tuberculosis to which the Act would apply and the Regulations relating to the notification of the disease."

The Secretary explained the various documents referred to.

In connection with this matter a letter was received from Dr. E. J. McWeeney, Medical School, Cecilia Street, Dublin, offering his services to the Co. Council as Bacteriologist on such terms as may be agreed upon.

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

"That as no application have been received from the District Councils as to notification under Part I of the Act to be confirmed by the Co. Council, the matter be postponed to the next meeting of the Co. Council."

— Purchase of Petty Sessions Houses. —

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> July the Local Government Board (letter No. 86351-1909) referring to a resolution adopted by the Waterford Co. Council proposing that statutory powers should be obtained to purchase petty sessions houses, wrote that they are advised that under the provisions of section 10 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. Co. Councils have power to purchase

petty sessions houses in their counties.

marked "Read."

— Dredging River Slaney —

With reference to correspondence between the Finance Committee of the Council, and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to the dredging of the River Slaney at Enniscorthy, the following letter was read from the Department under date 21<sup>st</sup> July 1909, and No 4904-09. F. B.:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, and, in reply, to state for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that it is the practice of the Department to debit the which bears the cost of a work with the amount (varying according to circumstances between 50% and 25%) in respect of the depreciation in value of new plant employed. The fund for a second work to which the plant may be transferred is then debited with from 00% to 25% of the depreciated value, and so on until the plant is written down to a nominal value.

It is not contemplated that the proposed deepening of the River Slaney will occupy a very long time. Should, however, unforeseen circumstances prolong the period of work beyond four months the Department are willing that the rate of 10% per month on the written down book value of plant shall only be charged in respect of the first four months, and that thereafter it shall be reduced to 5% per month.

It is to be borne in mind that it is a joint fund which will bear the charge."

The following recommendation was read from the Finance Committee:-

"That the Co. Council inform the Department that they are willing to pay during the hiring period at the rate of 10% per annum on the certified value of the plant employed upon the works."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the above recommendation was adopted:-

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

"That further negotiations in connection with the matter be referred to the Finance Committee with full powers on the part of the Co. Council to take such steps as they may consider necessary."

— Autumn Sheep Dipping —

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> July 1909, the following circular letter (No 3110-09) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your Local Authority copies of a further Order which the Department have made recently, entitled The Autumn Dipping of Sheep (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1909.

As your Local Authority are, doubtless aware, it was unanimously recommended sometime ago, by the Council of Agriculture established under the Act constituting the Department, that sheep in Ireland should be dipped twice in each year.

Up to the present, under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1907, only a single dipping annually - to be carried out in the summer - has been generally obligatory; but Local Authorities have been encouraged to issue Regulations of their own providing for an additional (later) dipping.

As, however, only a few authorities have exercised their powers in the matter, it has been deemed necessary to remedy these partial conditions by the issue of the enclosed Order, which applies to all parts of Ireland where local Regulations for a second dipping are not already in operation.

The Order will, accordingly, have force in the District of your Local Authority, and the Department trust that the Local Authority - will cordially co-operate in giving effect to its provisions. In this connection it is suggested that any special arrangements, such as the appointment of inspectors and provision of dipping tanks, which the Local Authority may have made for the current summer

dipping might be renewed in relation to the autumn dipping, the period for which will last from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> November next, inclusive. Or, should no arrangements of the above nature obtain at present in the District of your Local Authority, the propriety of establishing such in anticipation of the autumn dipping period might, the Department would urge, now be considered.

Forms for use under the Order should be provided by the Local Authority in the same way as has been done for the purpose of the summer dipping, and, in due course, stocks of the B and C. Forms should be sent out to the various Police Stations in the District of the Local Authority. It will be for the convenience of sheep owners if the B. Forms, in particular, are thus distributed not later than the end of September, as the period during which sheep will require, under the Order, to be accompanied by a Declaration on that Form, when exposed at any Fair, market or saleyard, in the Dipping area, will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Probably it will be well, as tending to avoid confusion, if the new B and C. Forms are printed on a different coloured paper to that used for the Forms issued in connection with the summer dipping.

A placard notice respecting the Order is at present being prepared, and a supply will, when available, be sent to your Local Authority for posting in their District.

It should be added that the enclosed Order has been framed on a temporary basis, as the Department intend, next year, to replace it and the Order of 1904 by a new Order providing for two dippings annually."

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Asple seconded: "That we are of opinion that the autumn dipping of sheep Order is unnecessary in three-fourths of this County, and that it will cause a good deal of dissatisfaction amongst the farmers. We are further of opinion that Co. Councils should have discretionary powers as to enforcing a second dipping order, and also as to excepting districts free from disease

or where they consider it unnecessary." "Passed."

"The question of the appointment of Inspectors under the above Order was postponed till next available meeting of the County Council."

#### Duncannon Pier.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> July 1909, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote forwarding the following extract from a report by their Transit Inspector relative to Duncannon Pier, and expressing the hope that the County Council whose property the pier is understood to be will have effect given to the suggestion put forward by the Inspector:-

"At Duncannon there is not any provision for the watering of animals although there is considerable traffic in live stock. There is no gravitation water supply at this village, but about 100 yards from the pier there is a well at which the trading vessels get their water supply, and from this a trough on the pier could be supplied."

"The Secretary stated he had informed the Department that the Waterford Harbour Commissioners claimed this pier at their property." marked. "Read."

#### Ferry carrig Bridge.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> July the following report relative to proposed erection of new ferro-concrete bridge at Ferry carrig was read for the meeting:-

"In accordance with the resolution of the Co. Council on this matter I beg to report to you as follows:-

I have made two superficial examinations of the superstructure of the present bridge. I regret I have been unable to survey it thoroughly, but other important matters have largely occupied the time at my disposal.

The substructure I believe to be in fair order and repair, and with careful attention to be able for some years to come, carry such loads as are now

going over it. Sooner or later however, according as the loads increase, the entire bridge had better be removed and a new one, more suited to modern requirements, and capable of carrying the increased traffic be erected in its place.

The platform or roadway is unsatisfactory. The timbers used for this purpose are too uneven and too soft to stand the wear and tear, and the method of laying them down is bad.

Judging from what I have seen the workmanship is of a very poor quality. The method of fastening these timbers to the longitudinal runners leaves much to be desired and their varying thickness is, and greatly to the wear and tear.

These faults can be remedied to a certain extent by the use of a harder wood, a better disposition of the timbers, and a revised specification strictly enforced. But even then it will only be a timber platform costly to maintain properly.

The opening span also is unsatisfactory but it seems capable of carrying the present traffic for some little time.

The gear is in a poor condition and appears hardly able to fulfil its purpose. The swaying from side to side and the up and down motion when traffic passes over it are injurious to it. It is the weak spot in the bridge and practically puts a stop to any attempt to improve the remainder of the bridge. Further it is almost entirely useless, and I do not think its absence would be missed.

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With regard to a substitute for the present structure, a ferro-concrete erection has been suggested, and a sketch design and approximate estimate have been obtained from Mr. de Beian, of Messrs L. G. Mouchel & Partners. This firm has great experience and a large practice in designing ferro-concrete work on the Hennebique system. They are, as you know, the Engineers for the Waterford ferro concrete bridge.

As far as can be judged from the sketch, the

bridge will be a graceful structure, and I expect, suitable for its purpose, but on this latter point it is impossible to express a definite opinion. For this fuller dimensions and details are required.

The estimated cost of the bridge as sketched is £4,000. including all ferro-concrete work, the opening span and the parapets. It does not include the alteration to the abutments or the removal of the old structure.

As it was considered desirable to have a stronger structure capable of carrying two axle loads of 12 tons each, a further estimate of £650 was submitted to cover the cost of a third pile in the centre of each pier.

It is impossible to estimate the cost of removing the old bridge and I cannot tell the cost of raising the abutments till the detailed drawings are ready. The abutments, I believe are to be raised to improve the approaches.

Ferro concrete, so far I believe, has shown itself economical and suitable for structures such as this and its maintenance costs practically nothing. The unbraced portion of the piles is somewhat long but being entirely under water will not suffer from shock and if of suitable design will be capable of resisting any other stresses.

The portion at or about water level will be liable to collision with heavy boats improperly navigated, but it can be designed to withstand such shocks. I have no fear of the work above water provided the design is suitable.

The opening span again will be a weak spot and it will be difficult to design a satisfactory arrangement for a useless luxury. This of course will apply to a bridge constructed of any other material.

In view of the increased headroom to be provided and the character of the traffic on the river it might be advisable to make a strong effort to have opening span done away with.

As to this report copies of the letters from

Mr. de Vesian and the sketch referred to."

(Signed) Stafford Gaffney, M.Inst., C.E.  
County Surveyor."

At a meeting of the Special Committee which had been appointed to deal with the matter the following resolution was adopted :-

"Having considered the report of the County Surveyor upon the plans and estimates submitted by Mr. de Vesian of Mouchel & Partners, London; we recommend the County Council to invite Messrs Mouchel & Partners to prepare detailed plans and estimates for a ferro-concrete bridge of the design of the sketch plan prepared by Mr. de Vesian for Ferryarrig."

Mr. Peacocke proposed :- "That the consideration of the matter be adjourned till next available meeting of the County Council."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

"Passed."

#### — Poulduff Pier. —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> August, the following was read :-

"We the Fishermen of Poulduff respectfully beg to draw your attention to the state of the Pier.

We would wish to know if it will be done against the 1<sup>st</sup> October as the fishing will commence then and the Pier at present is not fit to put a new one - in fact it is not safe to walk on at night; also there are bags of stones washed in and they remain there and are dangerous to boats.

We wish to draw your attention to these impediments on behalf of the boat owners and fishermen of the locality of Poulduff."

(Sgd)

Walter Caraher  
Michael McBreary  
Martin O'Connor  
William O'Connor

"Referred to County Surveyor."

#### — Removal of Wrecks. etc. —

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> June 1909, the following letter (No 8041) was read from the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade :-

"With reference to previous correspondence respecting the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to remove certain wrecks off the coast of Wexford, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that the Board see no objection to the removal either of the wrecks in Rosslare Bay, or of the two further wrecks at Curracloe and Blackwater referred to in your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

I am at the same time to return herewith the chart forwarded with your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> June."

The Secretary called attention to the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of the 25<sup>th</sup> February (No. 1269-09. F. S.) asking the Co. Council to submit to them an estimate of the total cost involved, and of the proportion which the Council are prepared to provide."

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

"That the removal of the wrecks and anchors be advertised in districts, viz:-

- (1) - anchors at Courtown.
- (2) - wrecks at Curracloe, and Blackwater; and
- (3) - wrecks in South Bay."

— Resignation of Assistant Surveyor Brennan. —

The following letter under date 26<sup>th</sup> July '09, was read from Mr. Robert Brennan, Assistant Co. Surveyor:-

"Would you kindly ask the Co. Council to accept my resignation from the position of Assistant Co. Surveyor, from the 31<sup>st</sup> August next and oblige."

Mr. Ennis proposed:- "That Mr. Brennan's resignation be accepted as from 31<sup>st</sup> August, and that we take immediate steps to fill the vacancy; election to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Mr. Browne proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor be authorised to employ a temporary surveyor to measure stones during the coming measurement period and that the election of sub. assistant surveyor be not

held sooner than three months from this date."

Mr. Kavanagh seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result :-

For :- Messrs Mr. Doyle, Mr. Browne, James Codd, G. Walsh, Mark Codd, D. Kavanagh, Patrick Fortune, James A. Doyle, J. Asple, and W. Forrestal. - 10.

Against :- Messrs Ennis, Peacocke, and the Chairman. 3

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Browne proposed; Mr. Ennis seconded :-

"That the Secretary take steps to advertise the appointment of Assistant Co. Surveyor, and that he arrange with the Local Government Board for an examination of any candidates who are not already qualified under the General Order of the Local Government Board No 58421."

"Passed."

#### A Road Contractor's Complaint.

The following letter was read from Mr. Edward Davis Castlebridge; with reference to road contract :-

"I wish respectfully to call the attention of the County Council to what I believe is a great injustice to me, and would be much obliged if you would bring it before them to-day.

I at the earnest request of Mr. Webster against my own inclination and judgment agreed to put in repair the road from Fahy's Cross to Ballineskar. This I did as Mr. Webster stated to the Council to his satisfaction. Now Mr. Brennan has cut me ten pounds for a shortage in the tonnage which is very much exaggerated if any existed at all.

When Mr. Webster opened this road for contract this year he increased the price and reduced the tonnage which shows plainly that in his opinion I had not enough for doing it. So that even if I was something short it would be hardly fair to cut me so severely. I would like to mention that the depth the stones were measured in is about 12 inches lower than the level of the road and Mr. Brennan told me he measured from the road level.

Mr. Webster told me his successor, Mr. Gaffney,

would pay me."

marked "Read."

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

With reference to proposed purchase of Slievebawn Quarry, the following letter under date 6<sup>th</sup> July was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor:—

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday and in reply write to say that I have been in communication with Messrs O'Connor & Co., Mr. Cullen's solicitors as to the title of this quarry and it seems to be satisfactory provided he can obtain permission from the Land Commission to the sale of the quarry to the Co. Council; Cullen having purchased the holding under the Land Acts.

When I receive intimation from Messrs O'Connor that the Land Commission consents, I will at once see to preparing the deed of assignment.

I cannot find anything in the Acts etc., which would enable the Co. Council to pay money for the opening of a quarry previous to purchase."

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> June 1909, Mr. Brighton, Clerk Rural District Council, Gorey, forwarded the following resolution which was adopted by his Council:—

"That in the event of the Co. Council acquiring the Slievebawn Quarry this Council allow a sum of £10 for opening said quarry, such opening to be under the supervision of Mr. Paddle the Assistant Surveyor, and that it be a Rural District charge."

"Postponed for the attendance of Mr. Fanning, Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor; to report on the quality of the stone in the meantime."

— Proposed Purchase of Quarries. —

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> July the following letter was read from Mr. Mary Hurley, Beabstown, Ballycullane:—

"I am willing to sell the quarry and land which your Committee selected for one hundred pounds."

Adjourned till Mr. Cummins has an opportunity of interviewing Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Kilhile as to the price at which he will sell his Quarry to the

County Council."

— Flagstaff at Courtown Harbour —

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> July the Courtown Harbour Committee to whom the question of the removal of the flagstaff at Courtown Harbour had been referred, adopted the following minute:—

"The flagstaff at Courtown Harbour on the Square is only used on State occasions. It is ornamental and therefore the Committee do not desire its removal."

The Finance Committee referred this minute to Mr. Kinsella, M. C. C., and Mr. P. J. Fanning for their opinions as to whether they considered the flagstaff should be removed:—

"Mr. Kinsella wrote in favour of its removal as he believed it was a source of danger and an obstruction to the public. It had always been regarded as a nuisance, and particularly at this season of the year when the Square on which it is erected is always crowded with cars and people."

"Mr. Fanning wrote that he was in favour of allowing the flagstaff to remain for use on 'State' occasions."

In view of these two councillors taking divergent views the Finance Committee had referred the matter to the County Council.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> July the following report as to the existing flagstaff was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master:—

"I beg to report that myself and Thomas Byrne, Watchman, made an examination of the Flagstaff on yesterday 13<sup>th</sup> inst., and we found that the topmast is rotten, and requires to be renewed, the present one has been spliced at some previous date, and I do not consider it safe in its present condition."

The old one is about 20 feet in length and is composed of Larch timber.

Awaiting instructions."

The following recommendation was received from

the Finance Committee :-

"That we instruct the Harbour master at Courtown to forthwith take down the rotten topmast of flagstaff at Courtown, and that the question as to whether the flagstaff be permanently removed or a new flagstaff procured be referred to the next meeting of the Co. Council."

"Mr E. Redmond, Courtown Harbour, wrote that if the Co. Council decided to take down flagstaff he considered he was entitled to the rigging which he supplied five years ago to Mr. Hely Hutchinson, and never got paid for. The cost of wire and ropes was 25/7. It was only in the event of taking down the flagstaff Mr. Redmond desired that this claim should be considered."

Proposed by Mr. Fortune, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, and passed :- "That as the Flagstaff at Courtown does not appear to be of any practical use for the working of the Harbour, that the Harbour master be instructed to have it taken down."

— The Recent Fatal Accident at Courtown Harbour.—

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> July the following letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, for the next of Kin of the late Thomas Bolger, Courtown Harbour, to Mr. R. W. Elgie, Solicitor for the Co. Council was read:-

"In reply to your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> we beg to say that the amount claimed on behalf of the widow and children of Thomas Bolger, Courtown Harbour, is £150 (One hundred & fifty pounds), this being the minimum payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act in the case of death."

"The Secretary explained that he was in negotiation with the Insurance company and expected to have a settlement of the claim within a fortnight."

"Postponed to next meeting."

— Damage to Roads by Traction Engines.—

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> July the following was read from Mr. Owen Doyle, Boladunagh, Templehambo :-

"I beg leave to bring under your notice the present condition of that portion of the road that runs between Bolamore Cross and Aughaniska Bridge, upon my contract between Templeshambo and Aughaniska. Two heavy engines were engaged for nearly three months beginning last March carrying away timber varying between 15 tons and 20 tons each load from the wood at Ballycrystal to New Ross and Enniscorthy. This traffic was carried on oftentimes in very wet weather, with the result that the road, which is at best only a third class by-road, is completely broken up and is now most unsafe in places for traffic.

I put out 50 loads of material trying to fill the holes made by the engines but all that has been swallowed up long ago. The result is that I cannot put the road in the same condition in which it was when I came upon it unless I get some compensation from your honourable Council."

Mr. W. Bodd, County, and District Councillor, and Mr. A. Slye of the Enniscorthy District Council have already inspected this road and can substantiate my statements.

I therefore confidently appeal to you Gentlemen to see that full justice is done to me in this matter."

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Mr. Patrick Jordan, Bolamore, Templeshambo, wrote:-

"I beg leave to inform you of the condition of that portion of my contract which runs from Bolamore Crossroads to Doran's Bridge, along the main road from Newtownbarry to New Ross. Two heavy engines which were employed drawing timber to Enniscorthy and Ross passed over the road between the two places mentioned. Both went down through the surface of the road and broke it up into a sort of shaky bog. They sank so deep that it was only with great difficulty they could be pulled out of the holes. The result of this was that I had to put 40 loads of stones into the holes to try and make the road passable at those places.

I think I am entitled to some compensation,

and I beg to ask you gentlemen, to have my road inspected by your Surveyor, and he will see the condition of the road and the amount of damage that was done to it."

"The above letters were referred to the Co. Surveyor."

— Weights & Measures Act. —

at the meeting of the Co. Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> June, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we request the County Inspector to furnish us with information as to the basis for the levy of charges to traders under Weights & Measures Act and to state to what purpose the funds received by the police are applied."

In reply to this the Co. Inspector, R. J. C., wrote under date 23<sup>rd</sup> June as follows :-

"With reference to your typed communication dated the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to fees Weights and Measures Act. The basis for charging fees for the verification and stamping of weights etc., under the W. & M. Act, is His Majesty's Order in Council, of the 21<sup>st</sup> December '07, made in pursuance of 4 Ed. 7 Ch 29, sec 9. The Order in Council came into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1908.

under the W. & M. Act of 1889, the fees received by the Constabulary & ex officio Inspectors for verification of weights & measures are appropriated for the benefit of the R. J. C.; after payment of certain expenses incurred under the Act.

I am to remind the Co. Council that in connection with the administration of the Weights & Measures Act they have the services free of any charge to the ratepayers of a staff of fully trained Police Inspectors."

marked "Read."

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908. —

The Secretary explained the new regulations which had been issued by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in connection with the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908.

The following resolutions were adopted :-

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle :-

"That as provided for by new Regulations under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908, the fee for renewal of license under this act be fixed at 1/6."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. C. H. Peacocke

"That the applications for licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908, submitted to this meeting be postponed till next meeting to enable applicants to comply with the provisions of the new regulations issued in connection with the act."

Belfast Industrial Development Association

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Mr. J. E. Dawson, Secretary to Belfast Industrial Association wrote asking the Council to appoint two delegates to all Ireland Industrial Conference to be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> "

marked "Read."

County Wexford Infirmary

The following resolution adopted by the managing committee of the Co. Wexford Infirmary was submitted to the meeting:-

"That the case stated by Mr. Elgee and the opinion of Mr. Molony K. C., obtained thereon with regard to the rights of Co. Council members of the Board in relation to the management of the Lady Esmonde maternity Hospital be transmitted to the Wexford Co. Council, for their information."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Brown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs C. Hoke, M. A. Ennis, James Coad, John J. Kehoe, and J. J. Stafford be appointed a committee to consider this matter in conjunction with Mr. Elgee Solicitor, and that they report to next meeting of the County Council."

Highways Protection League

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> June the following was read from the Secretary, Highways Protection League:-

"It has been suggested to us that we should

ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer to receive a Deputation early next month on the question of the taxation of all mechanically propelled vehicles.

The taxes which are to be imposed by the Budget only affect "light locomotives." no fresh taxation is imposed on heavy vehicles, which do considerable damage to the roads, and the suggestion made to us is that all mechanically propelled vehicles should be included in the new taxation, and that they should be taxed either according to horse power or to weight, whichever should prove to be the greater. On the other hand, it would seem not desirable to throw an undue burden on purely agricultural vehicles, yet to discriminate these might create a great practical difficulty."

marked "Read."

#### Newtownbarry Square.

Mr. Elgee solicitor, said that in compliance with the directions of the Co. Council he had taken the opinion of Mr. J. M. Healy, K. C., relative to the rights of the public in respect of the Market Square, Newtownbarry.

Mr. Healy in his opinion stated that he could not advise the Co. Council to embark on legal proceedings without knowing exactly the nature of the obstruction, the number of persons inconvenienced thereby, and the nature of the inconvenience suffered."

Postponed till the people of Newtownbarry have received the opinion of Mr. James O'Connor, K. C."

#### Sara Hill Quarry.

The following report was read :-

"We the undersigned visited Sara Hill Quarry on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1909, accompanied by the County Secretary, and we beg to report thereon for the information of the Council as follows :-

The quarry appears to us to be well and carefully opened, in a workmanlike and systematic manner indicating a thorough knowledge of his business on the part of the foreman and showing a due fore-

sight in the direction of provision for future operations.

The quarrymen also seem to be hardworking and attentive to their work, and the large bank of stones piled high at the quarry face shows that they have not been idle during the past three months.

The stonebreaker was working busily, and horses and carts were engaged in feeding from the large pile at the quarry face the smaller pile in front of the breaker.

In spite however of these satisfactory features and of the fact that we could not discover any evidence of neglect of duty or laxity on the part of our staff, we found on making approximate measurements of the large bank of stones at the quarry face above referred to and of the broken material in the depot, and setting against this value the expenditure on wages, stores, horse labour, hire of steam power, etc., during period since April last, that the quarry has during that period been worked at a loss, not it is true, a heavy or alarming loss, but still any loss on the working of Sara Hill Quarry, is disquieting in view of the fact, that whilst it is manifestly desirable that the County Council, should acquire and work the best quarries in the County in the interests of efficient road making and upkeep, prudence also dictates that these operations should be carried out on sound commercial lines.

We have given very earnest thought as to the means which might be adopted to re-model the present system of working the Sara Hill Quarry and to effect economies sufficient to adjust the balance to the right side of the Ledger.

We attribute the unsatisfactory results so far obtained chiefly to three causes, viz:-

- 1.- unprofitable labour spent in piling stones at the quarry face, this work absorbing practically the entire time of two men.
- 2.- Heavy expenditure on horse labour.
- 3.- Fitful working of our stonebreaker caused by

driving our machinery by means of hired power.

So the above may also be added working the quarry by day labour instead of piece work.

To remedy these defects we recommend :-

1. - the abolition of piling at the quarry face.
2. - the provision of a small double line self acting tramway with iron tipping wagons from the quarry face to the stonebreaker a distance of over 100 yards thus eliminating the cost of horse labour.
3. - The provision of a good secondhand S.H.P., stationary Engine for the purpose of working our stonebreaker. This engine could be driven by the foreman and very considerable economy should result from its purchase. Of course the purchase of a road locomotive engine would probably be even more desirable if the Council did not object to its cost.

The adoption of the above recommendations should render quite feasible the substitution of a system of piecework for the existing system of day labour thereby probably increasing the quarrymen's wages whilst at the same time benefiting the Council."

M. A. Ennis  
John Bolger.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. James Bodd and passed :- "That the consideration of Report be postponed till next meeting and that the Secretary issue a printed copy of Report to each member of the Council with the agenda paper for next meeting."

The following resolutions were received :-

From Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"In order to arrest the decay of tillage, this Committee are of opinion that the farmers who till one-third of their holdings are entitled to preferential rating as regards their poor rates. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wexford Co. Council and Co. Committees of Agriculture."

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh."

From New Ross Rural District Council :-

"That the attention of the Co. Council be drawn to the works at the breach in the Ballyhack seawall and other urgent works going on presently, and that they be requested to have a clerk of works appointed to see that the work be properly carried out."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor."

From Wexford Rural District Council :-

"That we, the Wexford Rural District Council protest against the clause in the Finance Bill classing land purchased under the Land Purchase Act, as Freehold for the purpose of imposing Succession duty, as inasmuch as being already overburdened with Local Taxation, we look upon this impost as inequitable and unjust."

marked "Read."

From Barrow Drainage Committee :-

"That in view of the fact that only a minority of Irish members of Parliament, as shown by the division on the Arterial Drainage Resolution in the House of Commons on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April last, take any interest whatever in Arterial Drainage, this Committee is of opinion that no substantial progress will be made with the question till those interested in it throughout the country band themselves together in an Organisation devoted to its advocacy, and we respectfully request those Municipal, County, Urban District, and Rural District Councils interested in the question to co-operate with us in the formation of an Arterial Drainage League."

marked "Read."

From Kerry Co. Council :-

Resolved :- "That as the Treasury Grant in Relief of Railway and Harbour Charges was last year

only £4,068. as against over £6,000 a few years ago, and as Railways are used for general as well as for local use, we ask the Government to arrange for a refund of the whole of the Railway charges over 6<sup>d</sup> in the £ instead of half the excess as at present.

Copies to be forwarded members of Government and County members, with a request that steps be taken to have this provision included in one of the Bills, - Land Bill, Finance, or other Bill, - to be passed this Session, and thus afford much needed relief to poor and overtaxed Counties."

marked "Read."

From North Wexford Farmers' Society:-

Resolved:- That the N. W. F. S., calls on all public bodies, Farmers Societies, and Parliamentary Representatives of the County, to join in a demand to the Department of Agriculture for a grant of money to defray the preliminary organising expenses of the Wexford Bacon Factory Ltd which has been established for the general good of the community."

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

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to reconsider their decision as regards a grant for the purpose of paying the preliminary organizing expenses of the Wexford Bacon Factory Limited; and that they be requested to pay a share of the cost of the equipment for the factory on similar lines to the grants given by them for technical instruction premises in urban centres."

### Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory  
17, Castle St. Dublin.  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1909.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted

to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1909.

Thirty-one articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows..

Article	Number
Butter	11
milk	9
whiskey	8
Buttermilk	2
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>31</u>

Certificate sent to Sergeant Consideine, Killinick, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 percent of its fats.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, twenty-four drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Grey Union, twelve drugs, eight specimens of wine and five of whiskey, were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect. The specimens of wine and whiskey were examined to ascertain which was best for use in the work-house.

Three specimens of water analysed for the Guardians of New Ross Union had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.-

	No. 1.	No. 2	No. 3.
Total solid matters	12.180	31.500	29.540
including			
albuminoid ammonia	0.023	0.015	0.011
saline ammonia	0.014	0.032	0.010
Nitric acid	Trace	0.790	0.930
Chlorine	1.292	1.590	0.994
Sulphuric acid	1.000	2.000	1.000
Equal to calcium Sulphate	1.400	2.800	1.400

No. 1. & 2 are very inferior and hardly usable waters.

No. 3. is an inferior one.

One specimen of water analysed from E. J. Goulding

Esqr, Kilrane, had the following composition.  
 One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	45.500
including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.021
Saline ammonia	0.004
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	9.443
Sulphuric acid	4.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	5.500

a very inferior water.

There were three fertilisers analysed for Mr John Lambert, Ennisecorthy.

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

Total analyses. 98.

(Sgd) C. A. Cameron.  
 marked - "Read."

Edmund Loe

Special meeting- 30<sup>th</sup> August 1909.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1909.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Chairman) and subsequently Mr. C. H. Peacocke, (Vice Chairman) Presiding.

Other Councillors:- Messrs M. A. Ennis, John Bolger, P. J. Fanning, James J. Stafford, M. Browne, J. Cummins, P. Fortune, G. Walsh, James Codd, and M. Codd,

The Secretary, the County Surveyor; and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor were also present.

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Mr. Ennis moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That we approve of the erection of a new Ferro-concrete bridge at Ferryarrig on the site of the present defective structure, this bridge to be erected on the Hennebique principle and according to detailed plans and specifications which have been prepared by Messrs L. Mouchel & Partners, London, and to be approved of by the Co. Surveyor; the structure to be capable of carrying traffic equal to 12 tons axle load with a big factor of safety; cost including the removal of the existing structure not to exceed £5,000.

and we direct our County Surveyor to bring forward at the next Proposal Committee of the Co. Council an application for this work, area of charge to be fixed by this meeting of Proposal Committee."

Mr. Peacocke seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously."

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

The Secretary explained that Mr. Randal McDonnell, Sheep Dipping Inspector for Enniscorthy District had applied to the Finance Committee for leave of absence, in order to have a surgical operation performed.

The Finance Committee had agreed to give Mr.

Mr. Donnell a fortnight's leave of absence provided he named a competent substitute to carry out his duties. Mr. Donnell had named his brother Mr. James Donnell."

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> August (letter no. 3822) the Department wrote that they would offer no objection to the substitute arrangement made for carrying out the duties of Mr. Randal Donnell.

The Secretary also stated that the question of appointing Inspectors for the autumn Dipping period had been postponed until that meeting.

Mr. A. Leary, Inspector for Gorey District wrote as follows, under date 21<sup>st</sup> August:-

"In reply to your letter re salary expected for second term of Sheep Dipping, I wish to say that as the three months would be more valuable to me, and as it will not be as easy to get over the district, owing to short days and bad weather which will very often compel me to stay from home at night, and also to pay car hire.

Considering above facts I would expect one pound ten shillings a week."

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> August, Mr. John J. Egan, Inspector for New Ross District, wrote:-

"In reply to yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant. I beg to say that taking into account the almost certainty of bad weather during the autumn Sheep Dipping period, and the extra wear and tear of cycle consequent on cycling over the roads when metalling is spread, and other circumstances, I shall be prepared to do the work in connection with the autumn Dipping for the sum of 30/- per week."

Letters were read from Messrs. Stafford, and Mr. Donnell Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Wexford and Enniscorthy districts respectively offering to carry out the duties of Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the autumn dipping at a salary of 30/- per week, each.

Mr. Fanning proposed :- "That the police be directed not to carry out any prosecutions under the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order unless by express instructions of the Co. Council.

Mr. Walsh seconded.

Mr. Peacocke proposed as an amendment :-

"We consider an efficient dipping of sheep once a year is sufficient but we agree to carry out the Order of the Department as regards the second dipping for this year."

Mr. James Codd seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result :-

For amendment :- Messrs Peacocke, James Codd, Fortune, and the Chairman - 4.

Against :- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Fanning, Walsh, and Mark Codd - 5.

Did not vote :- Messrs Bolger, Ennis, and Cummins.

Mr. Browne proposed and Mr. Peacocke seconded the following amendment :-

"That we agree to carry out the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order for this year, but recommend to the Co Council meeting which considers the matter next year to steadfastly refuse to put the order for a second dipping in force in future."

On a poll being taken the following was the result :-

For :- Messrs Browne, Bolger, Peacocke, James Codd, Cummins, and the Chairman - 6.

Against :- Messrs Fanning, Walsh, Mark Codd - 5.

Did not vote :- Messrs Stafford, Ennis, and Fortune - 3.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Fanning proposed :- "That the Inspectors be given £10 each for supervision, and if the Inspectors refuse this amount that the Co. Council advertise."

Mr. Walsh seconded.

Mr. Browne proposed and Mr. J. Bolger seconded as an amendment :- "That £12 each be voted to Inspectors for autumn Sheep Dipping period."

On a poll, the following was the result:-  
 For the amendment:- Messrs Brown, Stafford, John Bolger, Ennis, Mark Codd, J. Codd, P. Fortune, J. Cummins and the Chairman - 9.

against:- Messrs Peacocke, Fanning, and Walsh - 3.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ennis the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Mr McDonnell be granted a fortnight's leave of absence was confirmed."

— Extension of Limit. Road Expenditure. —

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> August the Local Government Board by Sealed Order approved of extension of road limit in Enniscorthy Rural District of £8227 10/- for years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914.

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> August 1909, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 91645) assenting to extension of road expenditure limit for Gorey Rural District Council by a sum of £800 for the years 1910, 11, 12, 13 & 14."  
 marked. "Read."

— Proposed appointment of Assistant Surveyor. —

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> August the Local Government Board wrote (letter 96,712):-

"With reference to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the resignation of Mr R. Brennan from his office of Assistant Surveyor in Wexford County, I am by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have noted Mr Brennan's resignation and the arrangements made by the Council for the execution of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in this district, pending the appointment of a permanent Assistant Surveyor."

I am to add that, if the Council so desire, the Board would be prepared to hold a special examination at Wexford, into the qualifications of such applicants for the post as have not already qualified at one of the Board's Examinations and are not otherwise qualified under the Regulations.

In issuing the advertisement, notice should be given of the fact that intending candidates will be required

to pay a fee of 10/- before being allowed to attend the examination"

"The Secretary submitted the terms of advertisement which had been approved by the Finance Committee and was ordered to be issued by them. It provided that all applications for the appointment should be lodged on or before 4<sup>th</sup> October and gave 12<sup>th</sup> November as the date of election."

Proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Fanning, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Brown:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to the advertisement of the appointment of Assistant Surveyor be approved."

Passed.

—— Pump at St Leonards ——

Sealed Order fixing area of charge for well and pump at St Leonards, on New Ross Rural District was received from Local Government Board and was read for the meeting.

marked "Read."

—— Exc. Rate collector Barron ——

The following notice of motion by M<sup>r</sup> John Cummins stood over from last meeting:-

"That M<sup>r</sup> James Barron, Rate collector for No. 17 Collection District be allowed the full amount of Superannuation to which he is entitled under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and the Union Officers Superannuation Act 1865 viz: £ 37 : 16 : 6."

"The Secretary stated that nothing had been done in the matter by the Carlow Co. Council, but the New Ross Urban District Council had awarded M<sup>r</sup> Barron a superannuation allowance of £ 20 : 19 : 8;  $\frac{3}{4}\%$  of his average annual salary and emoluments for the previous three years, and Kilkenny Co Council £ 25 per annum; M<sup>r</sup> Barron would have been entitled to £ 29 : 4 : 0; from Kilkenny County."

M<sup>r</sup> Cummins proposed his notice of motion that M<sup>r</sup> James Barron be granted the full amount of superannuation.

M<sup>r</sup> P. Fortune seconded.

"Mr. J. Bolger proposed that Mr. Barron receive £20 per annum."

Mr. James Codd seconded.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the amendment:-

Messrs Broune, Stafford, J. Bolger, Ennis, James Codd, Walsh, M. Codd, Fanning, and the Chairman:- 9.

Against:- Messrs Fortune and Cummins.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

#### Dredging River Slaney.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1909, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 5991-09 F.B):-

"Adverting to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to state for the information of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Department are not prepared to delete the clause in the proposed agreement relative to depreciation of plant."

"The Secretary stated that Messrs Ennis, and O'Neill had had an interview with the officials of the Department on 24<sup>th</sup> and had arranged with them as to the terms of the agreement."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Fortune seconded and it was passed:- "That draft agreement forwarded by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be approved subject to an alteration in clause 10 providing that the maximum charge for plant and depreciation shall not exceed £50 as arranged by the Co. Council deputation."

"The Council are also prepared to agree to suggested alteration of clause 12 set out in letter of Department (No. 4,644-09 F.B) under date 9<sup>th</sup> July."

#### Removal of Wricks.

Mr. Stafford proposed and the Chairman seconded that the Council go into Committee for the consideration of the following Tenders:-

Edward Wickham, Rosslare Fort tendered at following amounts:-

No. 2. Wricks at Curracloe and Blackwater £280.00 total

removal £820.

No 3 - Wrecks in South Bay - £400 or total removal £1250; also a sum of £100 for removal of wrecks on or near Beach.

William Armstrong, Main Street; Wexford; tendered as follows:-

North Bay £300. or total removal - £850.

South Bay £385 or total removal - £1150.

Wrecks on Beach £120.

Matthew Hayes, of Haristown, Kibrane, tendered as follows:-

"I propose to remove all the wreckage in the South Bay for the sum of £210."

James Hagan, Ballygeary; tendered as follows:-

"I propose to remove the wrecks in South Bay, Wexford for a sum of £220."

Mr Ennis moved:- "That the consideration of this matter be adjourned. That in the meantime the estimates received be sent to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for their views thereon, and that Mr Elgee be requested before next meeting of the Co. Council to look into the powers and liabilities of the Co. Council, and as to whether the Co. Council are liable or are empowered to remove these wrecks." Mr Cummins seconded. "Passed."

#### — The Recent Fatal Accident at Courtown Harbour.—

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> August the following letter was read from the Electric & General Assurance Co<sup>l</sup> relative to a claim of £150 by Mrs Bolger, Courtown Harbour, for the loss of her husband Thomas Bolger, who was killed in consequence of a fall from a flagstaff at Courtown Harbour.

"Our legal adviser having decided that above Deceased was a sub-contractor the Representative cannot recover compensation."

We will not therefore take any further steps in the matter but will allow claimants solicitors to proceed if they think fit, possibly however they have discovered that their clients cannot recover and doubtless proceed.

ings will be stayed.

Of course in any case you are relieved of all responsibility under the terms of your policy with this company, and we will indemnify you in the event of proceedings.

If you have any further communication from claimants kindly forward the same to me and the matter will have my prompt attention."

marked "Read."

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

Applications for licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act were received from the following:-

Margaret Conran, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

John Doyle, Quay Street, New Ross

Anastasia Leth, Ferns.

John Lambert, New Street, Enniscorthy.

Thomas Cogley, Cornwell, Killurin.

Wm E. Reynolds, 69 Main Street, Gory.

M<sup>r</sup>. Cummins proposed and M<sup>r</sup>. Fanning seconded:-  
"That the applications of above, for licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted."

Passed.

— Lara Hill Quarry. —

— Report of Committee —

"We the undersigned, visited Lara Hill Quarry on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1909, accompanied by the County Secretary, and we beg to report thereon for the information of the Council as follows:-

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The quarrymen also seem to be hard-working and attentive to their work, and the large bank of stones piled high at the quarry face shows that they have not been idle during the past three months.

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We have given very earnest thought as to the means which might be adopted to re-model the present system of working the Tara Hill Quarry, and to effect economies sufficient to adjust the balance to the right side of the Ledger.

We attribute the unsatisfactory result so far obtained chiefly to three causes, viz:-

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- 2.- Heavy expenditure on horse labour.
- 3.- Titful working of our stonebreaker, caused by driving our machinery by means of hired power.

To the above may <sup>also</sup> be added working the quarry by day labour instead of piecework. To remedy these defects we recommend:-

- 1.- The abolition of piling at the quarry face.
- 2.- The provision of a small double line self-acting tramway, with iron tipping wagons, from the quarry face to the stonebreaker, a distance of over 100 yards, thus eliminating the cost of horse labour.
- 3.- The provision of a good second-hand 8 h.p. stationary engine for the purpose of working our stonebreaker. This engine could be driven by the foreman and very

considerable economy should result from its purchase. of course the purchase of a road locomotive engine would probably be even more desirable if the council did not object to its cost.

The adoption of the above recommendations should render quite feasible the substitution of a system of piecework, for the existing system of day labour, thereby probably increasing the quarrymen's wages, whilst at the same time benefiting the council.

M. A. Ennis.

John Bolger.

M<sup>r</sup> Stafford proposed the adoption of the report, the question of the type of engine to be postponed for future consideration and pending enquires regarding same by the County Surveyor.

M<sup>r</sup> Fanning seconded.

Passed.

With reference to a paragraph in the Report of Tara Hill Quarry Committee, already adopted, the following was read:-

The Wexford Engineering Co., L<sup>td</sup> Wexford  
To the Secretary  
Wexford Co. Council.

Tender

To supplying 4 (Four) Tip Wagons, and 1,400 feet second-hand Rails for same, as inspected by Messrs Ennis, Bolger, and Fanning. Delivered free on Rails North Wexford Station, at lump sum £30. (Thirty Pounds Sterling).

Wexford Engineering Co., L<sup>td</sup>  
R. H. Keir. Secty."

M<sup>r</sup> Stafford proposed, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Ennis and passed: "That subject to M<sup>r</sup> Gaffney's approval the wagons and rails etc., mentioned in letter of Wexford Engineering Co., be purchased at the price mentioned in the company's communication."

— Shivebawn Quarry —

In connection with the proposed purchase of a quarry at Shivebawn, Monaseed; for a sum of £30. from M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Bullen, M<sup>r</sup> Elger reported that Bullen had purchased his

holding under the Land Acts, and he (Mr. Elgee) had applied to the Estate Commissioners for liberty to allow Bullen to sell the quarry." adjourned.

— Quarry at Ballycullane —

The Secretary stated that in connection with the recommendation of a Committee to purchase a quarry at Ballycullane, Mr. Hurley, Bealestown offered to sell her quarry to the Council for £100. Mr. Patrick Murphy, Kilhili, had been written to three times but had not replied.

Mr. Cummins proposed:—"That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee to report and that Mr. Patrick Murphy, Kilhili, be asked to communicate in writing with our Secretary as to the terms on which he is prepared to work his quarry or on what terms he is prepared to sell the piece of land on which the quarry stands."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

Passed.

— Irish National University —

The General Secretary of the Gaelic League forwarded the following resolution for adoption:—

"That we the Wexford Co. Council, reiterate our demand that the Irish Language be made an essential subject for matriculation, and up to the point where specialisation begins, in the new university and we assure the General Council of County Councils that in their negotiations with the Senate in this matter they have the support of the public bodies of Ireland."

"On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, the foregoing was adopted."

Mr. Fanning proposed, and Mr. Cummins seconded:—

"That Messrs Browne, and Peacocke, be appointed as delegates to the All Ireland Demonstration in connection with the university question."

Passed.

— cow Sheds & Dairies Order —

The following resolution forwarded from the Clonroche branch of the North Wexford Farmers' Society:—

"At a meeting of the Clonroche branch of the

North Wexford Farmers Society held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1909 it was proposed by Thomas Cloney seconded by P. Kehoe and passed unanimously:— "That we the farmers of the Clonroche Farmers' Society, request our County, and District Councils to resist and refuse to put in force, the Dairies and Cougheds Order, it being unnecessary and useless. If such Order were necessary for sale of milk why not necessary for private use."

The Secretary stated that the Co. Council had nothing to say to this Order. Postponed.

#### — Waterford Bridge —

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter was read from the Clerk of the Privy Council, Dublin Castle:—

"I am directed to state, for the information of the County Council of Wexford, that the Committee of the Privy Council, having carefully considered, with the aid of expert advice, the Plans and Specifications prepared by Messrs L. G. Mouchel & Partners for a ferro concrete bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, and the criticisms thereon submitted on behalf of the contributory areas, have decided that the Plans and Specifications require amendment and alteration in the particulars specified in the Schedule hereto attached.

The Plans and Specifications have been, therefore, returned to Messrs Mouchel & Partners, so that they may be amended accordingly."

"The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of letter to the County Surveyor for his information."

"The County Surveyor having stated there was nothing of serious import in the alterations proposed, the letter was marked— "Read."

#### — A. Blackwater Road —

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> August 1909 the following letter was read from Mr. James Walsh, Road Contractor, Ballyconigar, Blackwater:—

"I beg to make you, or through you, the proper authority

aware of the state of my road (314) from Blackwater to Ballyconigar strand. There is an over traffic caused by the landing of over 1000 tons of coal there, and the road which is a very sandy one is in a very dangerous way at present. I have put out on it up to 40 tons of material, and will decline to attend to it unless there is extra allowed me for over tonnage. I spoke to Mr. Brennan some few days ago and did not hear of him making any move yet though I am daily at work."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor on the motion of the Chairman."

— Recommendations of Finance Committee. —

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis the recommendations of the Finance Committee since last meeting were approved.

— Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908. —

The Secretary stated that the consideration of this act and Regulations had been adjourned from last meeting of the Co. Council.

The consideration of memorandum etc., from Local Government Board relative to Tuberculosis Act, was further adjourned pending an application from a District Council to have the notification clauses of the Act put in force.

— Courtown Harbour Committee. —

"The Courtown Harbour Committee recommended that Rev Mr. Wilson, Ardamini, should be appointed a member of the committee, vice Capt Stopford deceased."

"On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Panning the name of Rev Mr. Wilson, Ardamini Rectory, was added to the Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Capt Stopford deceased."

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