

Quarterly Meeting:- August 2nd 1911

The quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on August 2nd 1911

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) Presiding.
other members present. Messrs John O'Connor,
J. T. Mayles, J. J. Stafford, M. Browne, R. A. Rice,
J. S. Hearn, P. O'Neill, P. Rossiter, G. H. Peacocke,
P. J. Hannif, James Gadd, James A. Doyle, J. L. Esmonde,
J. Asple, Michael Doyle, J. Michael Doyle, Michael Bloney,
James Lynch, Michael Hickey, David Sinnott &
Mark Gadd.

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

Confirmation of Minutes:-
The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposals for Payments
Proposed by the Chairman:-

"That the several proposals, for payments, for
matters other than public works, as sent up by the
Proposal Committee, be adopted and initialled
by the Chairman."

Safe for County Council Offices.
The following motion handed in by the Chairman,
was considered:-

"That the County Council provide a safe,
or a strong room, for the books of the Council."

By permission of the meeting, the Chairman made
his notice of motion to read as follows:-

"That the Committee appointed to consider

the re-arrangement of the Co. Council Chamber, be asked to report, as to the provision of a safe or strong room for the books of the County Council."

Mr. Stubbard Seconded. Passed.

Malicious Injury Claims

The following motion, handed in by Mr. Michael Doyle senr. was considered:—

"That any claims, for malicious injury, or for any damages of any kind, served on the County Council or Mr. Elger, be notified by the County & District Councillors, of the Division concerned."

Mr. O'hull Seconded: Passed

Old Age Pension Committee

Under date 3rd June, the Local Government Board, wrote (Letter No. 28929 Monaghan County) that the terms of office, of a person appointed, to be a member of a Pension Committee, shall be three years, or such less term, as shall be fixed by the appointing Council, not exceeding three years, provided that if any member, ceases to be a member of the appointing Council, he also ceases, to be a member, of the Pension Committee.

"The Office of Clerk to a Pension Committee, is held during the pleasure of the Committee"

Mr. O'hull proposed, Mr. Peacocke Seconded, and passed:—

"That the County Council, be appointed County Pension Committee, and that the following members of Sub-committees be appointed:—

Bannow, Rosslare, & Bridgetown Sub-committees:—

Messrs M. Hickey, M. Browne, James Dodd, Rev. J. Scallan C.C.
 Rev. P. Doyle P.P. Rev. J. Hyne P.P. P. Hugley, Rev. J. Howe C.C.
 Rev. M. Wickham C.C.

Intern & Rathard Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon O'Connor P.P. Rev. N. T. Sheridan P.P.
 Rev. J. Roche P.P. Rev. D. D. Hyne C.C., Brother Theodore.
 Rev. O. W. Darlin, Major Barrett Hamilton J.P.
 R. A. Rice, Michael Bloney.

Taghmon & Kellium. Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon Turlong P.P. Very Rev Canon
 Quin. Gregory Walsh, Thomas Seple. D. L. O'Brien.
 W. Whitty, Mark Browne, W. Keating.

Coolgeany & Gorey. Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev. Canon O'Heill P.P. Very Rev Canon
 Rossiter P.P. Very Rev Canon Murphy P.P. Rev. P. Ridgway,
 Alexander Kinsella, P. J. Hannif. Dr. W. W. Murphy.
 John Byrne. Patrick Doyle.

Enniscorthy & Kilkenny Sub-Committee:—

Rev. R. Fitzhenny Adm. Rev. H. C. Hyatt, P. O'Neill.
 John Bolger, George St. Enniscorthy, Matthew Ryan.
 Very Rev. Canon Meehan P.P. Mark Dodd, James Johnson,
 & Rev. H. K. Atkinson.

Newtownbarny & Ferns Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon Doyle P.P., Rev. W. R. B. Fry.
 Rev. J. W. Kennedy. John Bolger, Patrick Nolan. John Sinnott,
 Very Rev Canon Whitty P.P., James Sinnott, Michael Doyle.

New Ross & Old Ross. Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Dean Kavanagh, Rev. W. Gibson,
 Michael Hickey, James O'Gorman, Denis Cummins,
 Wm. Thorpe. Patrick Bolger, Peter Murphy, & James O'Connor

Monamolin & Ballyhuskad Sub-Committee

Very Rev Canon Sylward P.P. Rev. J. Augley P.P.

David Linnott, Moses Fortune, George Barty,
Philip Redmond, J. L. Esmonde, Walter Boggan & Mark
Kavanagh.

To hold office from 29 August 11 to 12th June 1914
Motor Services in Rural Districts.

Under date 8th July 1911, the Local Government Board forwarded letter (no 3644-1911) the following statement, which they had received, from the Development Commissioners, and asked the Co. Council, to communicate, with the several Rural Districts of the County, on the subject:—

"The attention of the Development Commissioners, has recently been called, to the question of assisting by advances, from the Development Fund, the establishment of motor services, in Rural Districts.

They have adopted the following as conditions, with which they think, that all schemes, for that purpose, should comply, before they can be recommended to the Treasury:—

- (1) Application should be made only, for an advance towards the initial Capital expenditure necessary.
- (2) The application should be for an advance, by way of loan, rather than by way of grant; rates of interest, and terms of repayment, will be fixed, according to the circumstances of each case.
- (3) A local contribution, should be forthcoming, of a reasonable proportion, of the capital sum required.
- (4) It should be shown, that full provision, is, or will be made, for putting in order (where necessary) and for maintaining the roads, on which the service is to run.
- (5) Proper provision should be made, for maintaining the service, without recourse to the Development Fund.

The Secretary stated, that he had sent the blocks of the Rural Districts concerned, a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board, and the statement of the Development Commissioners.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Fanning seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the consideration of this question be postponed until the Co. Council come to an agreement as to steam-rolling"

Sealed Order:- St. Bridget's well - Blackwater
The Local Government Board forwarded under date 15th June 1911, sealed order determining that the expense of improving and maintaining St Bridget's well at Blackwater, should be levied off the Rural District of Enniscorthy.

Marked "Read"

Audits of Public Bodies

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of their report of their Auditor, and abstract of accounts for Enniscorthy Union (12th June. 30.629-1911) and for Enniscorthy Rural District Council (12th June 30.630) in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1911.

Marked "Read"

Polling Districts & Registration of Voters (I) Act 1908.

Under date 13th July, the following letter no. 28.188 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have had under consideration, the schemes adopted by the Wexford County Council, under the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908, at their meeting on the 3rd ultimo, for the alteration and constitution of polling districts of the north."

And South Parliamentary Divisions of Wexford County.

The Board observe, that the Schemes as adopted, by the Wexford County Council, involve an extensive increase in the number of Parliamentary Polling Districts in the County, the intention apparently being to secure, that the polling places at Parliamentary Elections, shall be the same, as those of Local Government Elections.

In this connection, the Board would point out, that the Act of 1908, contemplates an adjustment of the District Electoral Divisions, in the existing Polling Districts in a County, so that each Polling District, should, if possible, comprise complete

District Electoral Divisions, rather than an increase in the number of polling districts, but if the Co. Council are satisfied, that their scheme as adopted, will tend to public convenience, the Board are not disposed, to offer any objection to the proposal.

As regards, however, the form in which the Schemes have been drawn up, for adoption and approval, it appears to the Board, that some modification will have to be made, before they will be in proper form, for confirmation.

Article 4 of the Board's Order of the 12th Oct. 1909, made in pursuance of Section 4 of the above named Act, provides, that every such scheme, shall set forth, the name and constitution, by one or more District Electoral Divisions, of each polling district as proposed to be constituted. In this connection, the Board note that in the Council's scheme for the North Parliamentary Division which at present comprises nine Polling districts, and addition of eleven new districts is involved, while in the case of the Scheme for the South Division, the present six districts are to be expanded to sixteen. In setting out the Schemes, however the Council do not specify, as required by the Board's Order, the District Electoral Divisions, to be comprised, in the new Polling districts.

but merely indicate the details of the proposed alterations, in so far as they affect the existing polling districts.

For example, in the scheme for the North Division, Page 5, it is stated, that the District Electoral Division of Killeenagh, is to be transferred, from the polling district of Ballycanew, to a new polling district of Ballygarrett" but the scheme do not show specifically the names of the District Electoral Divisions, comprised in this new polling district, which is proposed to be constituted under the Act, although perhaps, it might be held, that the information given, on Pages 5 & 20, indicate the constitution of this polling district.

Accordingly, before the scheme will be in proper form for approval, it will be necessary for the Council, to add to them, a description of the new Polling Districts, showing under Part I, the names of the District Electoral Divisions, comprised in each of the new districts, and under Part II the details of the transfers which are to take place.

As this merely involves a change in the form, rather than the substance, of the scheme, it will not be necessary, for the Council, to go through the prescribed procedure again, but they should have the schemes reprinted on the lines above indicated, before submitted, for the Board's approval, and forwarded, to the persons and bodies prescribed.

At the same time, the Board desire, to draw attention, to a few minor points, which appear to require alteration, in re-drafting the Schemes:-

On Page 17 of the scheme, for the North Westford Division, the reason given for the transfer, of Rossard District Electoral Division, to the Polling District of Killealy, viz:- "to bring the entire District Electoral Division, into the same Polling District" appears to be inappropriate, inasmuch as the entire District

Electoral Division, is already comprised in the same Polling District, i.e. Newtownbarny.

The words in italics may therefore be omitted.

In the scheme for the South Division, it is to be observed that the present Athurstown Polling District comprises a small portion of the District Electoral Division of Inch, which, it is presumed, together with that portion, situate in the existing Taghmon Polling District, is to be transferred to the new Polling District of Gusseran.

Further on page 11, there appears to be no mention of the transfer of the portion of the District Electoral Division of Glynn, situate in the existing Polling District of Taghmon to the new Glynn Polling District. Under the heading of this district, also Newtown District Electoral Division, appears twice, both on page 12, and also is referred to, in the same connection on pages 13 + 14, while it would appear that the District Electoral Division of Whitechurch, has been by a printer's error, given as Whitechurch - Glynn.

On Page 10, reference to the Old Ross District Electoral Division, has been omitted, in setting out the Constitution of the existing Polling District of New Ross, although it is referred to, on Page 11.

I am also to point out, that there is nothing in either of the schemes as to the appointment of polling places for the proposed districts, and to add, that the Act under which the schemes have been adopted, is wrongly quoted, all through as having been passed, in 1898, instead of 1908.

The Board would suggest, that these matters be considered by the Council, and that the schemes be again submitted, with the necessary

modifications effected. The schemes should be submitted in duplicate, duly sealed, with the Council's seal, and authenticated by the signature of the Secretary or Chairman.

On the motion of the chairman, the matter was referred to the Secretary to report to next meeting.

Rate Collector Cummins:-

Under date 14th June (letter no. 30127) the Local Government Board wrote, approving of the appointment of Mr. J. Cummins, as Rate collector;

Continuing the Board stated:-

"The Board presume that the bounceil are satisfied, that the fact that Mr Cummins does not reside in his Collection district, will not interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties.

I am to add, that the bond of Mr Cummins, should be submitted, for the Boards Inspection in due course"

Moved Read

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 19th June, the following letter (no. 2706-11 D.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to the resolutions adopted by your Local Authority, on the 13th April and 17th ultimo, refusing to enforce, the Autumn Sheep Dipping requirements, in their District, the Department, now wish to say, after further careful enquiry on the point, that any objection, to these requirements, on the ground, that they are prejudicial, to Sheep-breeding arrangements, appears to be ill-founded.

If such an objection were valid Complaints as to the injurious effects of the Autumn dipping, would be bound to arise, from other parts of the Country, and the non-existence of such complaints notwithstanding the fact, that nearly two millions, of Sheep, are dipped, throughout Ireland, in the Autumn period, ought to re-assure your Local Authority, that there are no special reasons, for entertaining apprehension,

in the matter, in County Wexford.

While a continuance by the Local Authority in their refusal, to administer the order, as regards the Autumn dipping, would not in any way, relieve sheepowners in the County, from the obligation, to carry out such dipping, it might, none the less, impose on this Department, the necessity, in the interests of the rest of Ireland, of placing restrictions on the movement of sheep, out of the County.

Such a step, it is needless to say, would be very distasteful, to the Department. And they hope that the Local Authority, will on further consideration, decide to fall into line, with the other County Councils, in giving full effect to the Order.

I have to add, that the Department, will be happy should such a course be desired, to instruct a representative to attend the next meeting, of the Local Authority, or their Executive Committee, in connection with this question.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, Seconded by Mr Rice, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That this Co. Council, Agree under protest, to enforce the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order, provided the dates are changed, so as to read, from 1st August to 15th October"

That we call the attention, of the Department of Agriculture &c, to the resolution, already adopted by this Council, asking them, to alter the date of the Summer Dipping period.

Food & Drugs Act:—

Under date 1st July, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (letter no. S. 2702-11) that an officer of the Department, purchased three samples of butter, at Gorey, on the 8th ultimo, and three samples, at Enniscorthy on the 9th ultimo. The samples were duly submitted to the Public

Analyst. for the County Wexford. who certifies, that they proved to be pure"

Marked "Read"

Increases of Salaries—Messrs Howlin & Hassett

" Under date 31st July, 1911. letter no. 38,959-11 Wexford Co., was read from the Local Government Board:—

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. respecting the remuneration of Messrs Hassett and Howlin, Assistant Surveyors in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they see no objection, to the increases of Salary referred to in your letter, which have been granted, to these Officers, in accordance with the terms of their appointments"

Marked "Read"

Land for Afforestation.

Under date 31st July, 1911. the following letter was read from the Estates Commissioners:—

" Estate of the Irish Land Commission, formerly the Estate of W. A. J. Wallace, Record number L. D. 19. County. Wexford.

" I am directed by the Estates Commissioners, to state, that included in the above Estate, are two plots of land in the townland of Dranagh, shown on the accompanying Map no 12, comprising 18a. 3r. 10p. suitable for planting, and no 19, containing 22a. 3r. 10p. under timber, and I am to ask, whether your Council, would be prepared, to purchase these parcels, of the Estate, pursuant to Section 18, of the Irish Land Act, 1909, and under Section 4, of the Irish Land Act 1903, for the purpose of the preservation, of woods or plantations, by means of an advance under the Land Purchase Acts of £120 K. payable by Annuity, at the rate of 3¼% per annum of £3. 10.

I am to add, that the Commissioners, have brought

the matter under the notice of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council. but they regret to say, that the Council has refused, to take the lands for the purposes of afforestation."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rice, the following Resolution, was adopted:—

"That the Estates Commissioners, be informed that as we consider the land offered by them, as suitable arable land, we cannot see our way, to take it over for planting. We are of opinion, that so long as there are hundreds of acres remaining unplanted on the slopes of the hills of this County, no arable land should be taken up for afforestation"

Wexford County Infirmary.

Mr J. L. Esmonde explained, that he did not wish to continue a member of the Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple, Mr John O'Connor was appointed to the vacancy."

Weeds & Seeds Act.

Under date 16th June the following letter (No A.12803-11) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst, and to state that the Department are prepared to make an order under part 1 of the above Act. declaring that throughout County Wexford, all plants of the following species, viz:—Thistle, are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Act. They are advised, however that before they can do so, they will require, to be furnished with a sealed copy.

of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council, and signifying the Council's consent to the making of such an order. It is desirable that this resolution should be in the form of the draft, which accompanied the Department's letter on the subject addressed to you on the 31st March last (no. 4.4111-11) a further copy of which is enclosed.

I have, therefore, to request that you will be so good, as to take steps to have the necessary resolution passed, and that you will kindly furnish the Department with a sealed copy thereof.

The following resolution was read from the Forth Agricultural & Industrial Association:-

That we strongly disapprove, of the action of the County Council, in passing the Seeds & Weeds Act. as we consider, the application of such an Act will entail considerable hardship on farmers whose farms will now be subject to inspection by Department Officials.

On the motion of Mr Asple. seconded by Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-
"That the County Council decline to put the Act in force for this year."

Foot and Mouth Disease

The Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, forwarded a copy of order prohibiting the importation of cattle etc. into Ireland, from Great Britain, owing to the re-appearance of Foot and Mouth disease, in that country.

The Department also forwarded, copy of their order prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from Great Britain, into Ireland, in consequence of foot and mouth disease.

Marked "Read"

Courtown Harbour

Under date 13th July 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded copy of the report of their Engineer on the work carried out by him, in connection with the sluicing arrangements at Courtown Harbour, with a statement of the cost involved.

Mr. Fanning proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded, and the following resolution was adopted:—

"That £100 be paid to the Department of Agriculture for the work at Courtown Harbour."

Grants to Fishery Harbours

Under date 17th June, the Department of Agriculture etc. wrote as follows (letter No. 4941 F.B.) relative to grants to Fishery Harbours:—

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. embodying a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council, on the previous day, asking for information, as to the piers and harbours, in the county, for which applications for grants were made, to the Development Commissioners, and what amount it was proposed to expend on each."

In connection therewith, I am to state that the Department are not at present in a position to make any communication to the Council on the subject.

The Department are awaiting Treasury sanction, to the provision of funds, for such schemes, as may be recommended by the Development Commissioners."

Under date 22nd July, the following letter (No 69059. F.B.) was also read from the Department:—

"Adverting to your letter, of the 21st instant. I have to state, that the Department are not yet in a position, to make any Communication, to the Wexford County Council, as to grants, which have been recommended, for Fishery Harbours, by the Development Commissioners"

Under On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Bloney, the following resolution, was adopted:-

"That we ask, the Department, to give us the names, of the six specified harbours, for which they have applied for a grant of £32,500 (vide Development Commission Report - page 29)"

The Road Board

Under date 4th July 1911, the following letter was read, from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed, by the Road Board, to acknowledge, the receipt, of your letter, of the 30th June. It is assumed, that your inquiries, refer to the expenditure, of the grant of £2,120, which the Board, have intimated, that they are prepared, to contribute to a Scheme, of improvement, approved by them, and not to the National scheme, which was discussed, at the conference, with the County Councils, in Dublin.

The Board are not prepared, to contribute more, than 50 per cent, of the total cost, of works of improvement, by strengthening surfacing, with approved stone, and steam-rolling. If the estimated cost, of re-surfacing, the existing width, of metalled Carriageway, with the same material, as existing surface, and without improvement, is deducted, from the total cost, of the works, than the Board, are prepared, to contribute up to 75 per cent, of the balance, which is the net cost, attributable to improvement. A form showing how the net

improvement cost, is arrived at, is enclosed herewith.
In reply to your questions, I am to state that

- (a) The Board have now under consideration, a standard form of Specification, for steamrolling.
In the meantime, they are asking each County Surveyor, to submit a detailed specification, of the work he proposes to carry out.
- (b). The work will be carried out, by the County Surveyor, under the direction of the County Council.
- (c). The Board's contribution, is usually paid, by instalments, as follows:—

One-third on requisition, when applicants are ready to commence work.

One-third when 50 per cent. of the work, has been completed.

One-third on certificate, of County Surveyor, that the works, have been completed, and stating the amount, of actual expenditure.

- (d) The Board do not as a rule, contribute, to the purchase of plant, and if they did, the amount, would also be nominal, as the bulk, of the cost, would have to be treated, as provision, for maintenance work, in the future."

Under date 21st July, the following was read, from the Secretary, to the Road Board:—

"I am directed by the Road Board, to acknowledge the receipt, of your letter, of the 17th inst. and to say that before replying thereto, they would be glad, if the information given, by the County Surveyor could be furnished, in a little more detail.

I enclose herewith, forms showing the information required, and I shall be glad,

if you will draw the attention of the County Surveyor to the specimen printed on Page 2 and ask him to show in a similar manner, how his total figures are arrived at, both for the re-construction and for the estimated cost of resurfacing in the present manner and without improvement."

"Adjourned for further information"

Kilmore Harbour.

Mr Browne proposed, Mr O'Connor seconded, and it was passed:—

"That we beg to remind the Department, that the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, has now been delayed, for the past three years, that we are of opinion, the Department is not free from blame in the matter, and we protest against any further delay"

Holidays. County Surveyor

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr Gaffney County Surveyor, was granted, a fortnights holidays"

Sheebawn Quarry.

The following letter was received, from James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey:—

"With reference to the quarry, in Sheebawn Hollyport, Gorey. I beg to state, that if you have no tender, to work this quarry, I will take it, at 3/- per cubic yard. A reply is requested, at your convenience"

The matter was adjourned, to Special meeting to be held, within the next month.

New Members of Co. Committee of Agriculture &c.

A resolution was received, from the Co. Wexford

Committee of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, asking that Mr John Stamp, Clonmore House, Glenbrien should be appointed, a member, of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the name of John Stamp was added to the Committee.

Waterford Joint Bridge Committee.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the Chairman, Messrs B. H. Peacocke, James J. Stafford, & John S. Hearn, were appointed, the representatives, of the Waterford County Council, on the Waterford Bridge Joint Committee.

Injury to a mare.

Under date 13th July, 1911, Mr W. Fitzpatrick, Upton, Kilmuckridge, wrote, stating that a mare of his, had trod on a loose stone, on the road, between Kilmuckridge and Ballyhask, and fell, and was badly hurt, and requesting the Co. Council, to grant him, some compensation.

"Marked Road."

Application re Road Contract.

The following letter under date 27th July, was read from Mr James Baneham, Broom, Crossabeg:-

"With reference to my Contract 168, 169, 170, Waterford District, I must ask the County Council, to take this road, off my hands, and give it, to somebody else. I was perfectly prepared, to carry out my Contract, if I could have, obtained the necessary material, for which I was prepared to pay. I have applied to the Magistrates for an Order to enter a quarry, on Patrick Doran's land of."

Tubberfinnuck, which is only 500 yards. from my Contract, and the material good, and was refused, I then applied to the Court, for an Order, to enter Bashin's quarry at Bzory, which is the next nearest quarry, and was also refused. The next quarry, is John Connolly's of Castle Son, which is run out of stones altogether. There is a quarry at Murphy's of Bally Boggan, which is two miles away, and impossible to get into, from this road, so it is impossible for me to carry out, this Contract, and keep this road, as it should be kept. So I must ask the Council, to take over the contract, and give it to someone else. The nearest and best quarries, have been closed against me, so I cannot do any more with it"

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-
 "That the representatives of the Wexford District, on the Roads Committee, with Mr Asple, inspect the quarries, referred to, in the letter of Mr Banham, and report to meeting of Co. Council."

Prosecution of Road Contractors.

On the motion, of the Chairman, the County Surveyor, was given permission to prosecute James Myles, Tomfarney Bree; for Road No 199, Ennis Corthy, should he consider, it necessary.

University Scholarships.

The Secretary submitted draft advertisement, for University Scholarships, and which, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Browne, was approved.

On the motion, of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we agree, to the payment of £1. for the rent, of the Town Hall,

new Ross. for Scholarship Examination.

Local & Imperial Taxation Committee.

On the motion, of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr Rossiter.

The action of the Finance Committee, in adopting a series of resolutions forwarded by the General Council, of County Councils, in connection with Imperial and Local Taxation, was approved.

Local Government Elections

Messrs G. H. Peacocke, and James J. Stafford, as a Committee, submitted the following report:-

"At the request of the Society, Secretary, we, the undersigned, examined on the 19th July 1911, the vouchers, with the expenses, of the recent Local Government Elections, and find that all amounts, are covered by the scale of expenses.

The only matter, to which we desire to direct attention, is an item of 3/- for taking charge of the ballot boxes, and which is made, by each of the presiding officers, in the Wexford district.

Notwithstanding, that this sum, is covered by the scale of expenses, and although it was allowed, at the Elections of 1908, we recommend that, in future, it should be disallowed, as we consider, that where mileage is allowed to, and from the polling station, a presiding officer, should not receive, a special fee, even of the small amount, referred to, for taking charge, of the ballot box.

We find that the total cost, of the Elections is £648.16.3 as against £645.16.8 in 1908.

The number of contests in 1911 is
 County Divisions 6
 District " 29

The number of contests in 1908 was:-

County Divisions	5.
District "	14.

(Signed) C. H. Peacocke.
James S. Stafford.
(Co Councillors)

The report of the Election Committee, was adopted on the motion, of Mr Rossiter, seconded by the Chairman.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Stafford. Seconded by Mr Rossiter, renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were granted, the following:-

Mr Anastasia Lett. Ferns.
Thomas Bogley. Killurn
John Doyle. May St. New Ross.

Ballyhack Slip.

Under date 13th June. Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote forwarding the following letter from the Local Government Board, under date 13th June (no. 29.230):-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, and to previous correspondence, relative to the proposal, of the Wexford County Council, to take over a boat slip at Ballyhack, I am directed, by the Local Government Board, for Ireland, to state that, from the information before them, it appears to the Board, that there is no enactment, which would enable the County Council, to take over this Boat Slip, or the Board, to make a provisional order, empowering them to do so."

Under date 23rd June the following letter, was read from Mr J. Allingham, Secretary, Waterford Harbour Board:-

"Replying to yours of the 16th perhaps if Mr. Elgee would communicate with the Harbours Department of the Board of Trade, they might obtain for you, an order of his Majesty in Council giving the necessary authority to take over the boat slip. In regard to pilotage matters, we have from time to time, obtained these orders, which do not entail any expense, and the peculiar complications, attending this Ballyhack affair, might induce the Board of Trade, to take the matter up for you, especially, if your Members of Parliament would see Mr. Pelham, the Assistant Sec., of that Department of the Board of Trade."

On the motion of the Chairman, the matter was referred to Mr. Elgee.

Resignation of Accountant

The following letter was read, under date 31st July 1911, from Mr. Patrick Donohoe, 56th St. Werford:

"I wish to tender my resignation as your Accountant"

As I intend going abroad, I would like the Co. Council, to give me a recommendation, that I have discharged my duty, with regard to the Accounts, in a satisfactory manner, during my period of office, viz:- 12½ years"

Proposed by Mr. Asple. Seconded by Mr. Doyle J. And adopted:-

"That we dissent from the resolution of the Finance Committee, of the 22nd July, dismissing the Accountant from office, but confirm the resolution, of the Finance Committee Meeting, of 13th July, calling on the Accountant to resign."

That the resignation of the Accountant be accepted, and that his salary be paid up to the 22nd July."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the

Chairman. the following recommendation was drawn up:—

"This is to certify that Mr Patrick Donohoe, has been in the service of the County Council, during the past 12½ years as Accountant; He is strictly honest, has a good knowledge of his work, and was accurate with the accounts.

He has now handed in his resignation to the Council, as he is going abroad.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance Committee, were agreed to:—

That we invite the Co. Council, to offer a salary of £80 per annum, to the incoming Accountant.

That we recommend the Co. Council, to appoint a Stenographer, and Typist, at a salary of £52 per annum.

The following draft advertisement, for the position of Accountant, was agreed to—

Wexford County Council.
Accountant wanted

The above County Council, require the services of Accountant.

to keep the various accounts of the Co. Council.

Salary £80 per annum.

The appointment will be determinable by a month's notice, at either side.

The successful Candidate, will be under the control of the Secretary, and when not engaged at the Accounts, must assist in the general work of the office.

Preference will be given to Candidates, who can produce evidence that they are able to read, write,

and translate Irish.

Applications should be lodged, with the undersigned before 4 p.m. on 23rd August.

The appointment will be made, at Special Meeting, of the Co. Council, to be held on 24th August at 2.30 p.m.

The following draft advertisement, for the position of Stenographer, and Typist, was agreed to.

Stenographer + Typist wanted.

The Waterford Co. Council, require the services of Stenographer and Typist.

at a salary of £52 per annum.

The appointment will be determinable, by a month's notice at either side.

The successful Candidate, will be under the control of the Secretary, and must assist in the general work of the Office of the Council.

Preference will be given to candidates who can produce evidence, that they are able to "read, write" and translate Irish."

Applications should be lodged, with the undersigned, before 4 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd August.

The Appointment, will be made, at a Special Meeting, of the County Council, to be held on 24th August, at 2.30 p.m.

Proposed Irish Public Bodies Insurance.

Under date 17th June, Mr John Mackey, Clerk Waterford Union, wrote forwarding copies of proposed "Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme"

In connection with this matter, a circular letter, was read from the Mayor of Waterford, asking the County Council, to nominate delegates.

to a conference of representatives of public bodies from the Counties of Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford, and from the City of Waterford, to a meeting, to be held at the Town Hall Waterford; on Wednesday 20th September, at 12.0'clock noon, to discuss the Scheme."

On the motion of the Chairman.
Seconded by Mr Fanning.

The following were appointed on behalf of the Council:-
"Messrs Rice, Heam, and Macocke"

National Insurance Bill.

The report of the Law, and Parliamentary Committee, to the Council, of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, with reference, to the National Insurance Bill, was read for the meeting.

Marked Read

Old Ferrycong Bridge

Under date 24th July, the following letter was read, from R.W. Elgee Solicitor:-

"Referring to the directions given to me, at the meeting held on the 24th June ult. to look into the matter of the payment made to Mr Colhoun, for repairs to the old bridge at Ferrycong, in the month of April last, and as to the possibility, of recovering the amount, then paid him, and if not from him from the Co. Surveyor, I came to the conclusion, on considering the matter, that having regard, to the fact that it would be sometime, before the new Bridge was completed, and that up to the date, of such completion, further repairs, would most probably become necessary, to the old Structure, it was very desirable, to lay the matter, before Counsel for his opinion, so as to be sure, that my view of the meaning, of Clause 31, of the specification was correct, and also my view, as to the recovery, of

the amount paid, from Mr Colhoun, and further to obtain his opinion, as to the liability, of the County Surveyor, to refund that amount. And I accordingly did so, and I enclose herewith, a copy of the queries, I submitted to him and of his opinion thereon, and by nos. 1 & 2 thereof, you will see that he confirms, the view, I expressed, at the meeting, as to the meaning, of the clause, in the Specification, and that the amount, could not be recovered, from Mr Colhoun, and by no. 3, what his opinion is, as to the liability, of the County Surveyor."

The following is a copy, of the queries to Counsel, and his replies:—

(1) Having regard to the clause, no 31, in the Specification is the Contractor, for the new Bridge, bound to keep, the old Bridge, in a proper state of repair, and carry out, at his own expense, all necessary repairs to it.

Answer:— Having regard to the words of the clause, especially, the last portion of it, from "He must" to end, I am of opinion, that all necessary repairs, must be made, at the expense of the Contractor.

(2) If so, can the County Council, recover from the Contractor, the £24.5, which was paid to him, for such repairs, in the month of April last.

Answer:— In my opinion, this cannot be recovered from the Contractor, having been paid under a mistake in the interpretation of the contract, that is, a mistake of law, and not one of fact.

(3) If such amount be not recoverable, against the Contractor, can the Council require the Co. Surveyor, to refund the amount, having regard to the fact, that he either overlooked the clause, in the Specification, above referred to, or else misinterpreted it?

Answer:—

I think not, unless there is some

special provision, in the contract, of employment of the County Surveyor, by which he is rendered liable, for losses sustained by the Board, by reason of any action of his— The general rule of law, is that a servant is not liable, to his employer, for losses occasioned, to his master, by reason of the servant's actions, unless the loss, was caused, by gross negligence, of the servant.

I do not think any Court, would hold, the Surveyor guilty, of gross negligence, simply because he misinterpreted, a somewhat difficult legal contract— But though this is my clear view, after reading many of the cases, they all come to this, that there is no exact measure, of what is culpable, or gross negligence, and it is quite possible, that the Court, might consider, the Surveyor's neglect, to consult the Council's solicitor, did amount to such negligence, as it would hold to be gross— The opinion of the Court, can be taken, at very small expense, by issuing a Bill, against the Surveyor. If I ever desire to proceed, I shall be happy, to settle the Bill.

Annesly St. G. D'Elenzy.
21st July 1911

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee, was adopted, on the motion, of Mr. M. Doyle & seconded by Mr. Jas. Dodd:—

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed, to communicate with the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Robert Colbourn, as to the payment, of £ 24. 6. for maintenance, of the old bridge of Ferryconig."

"That in the event of Mr. Elgee, requiring Council's opinion, he first obtain, the sanction, of the Finance Committee, except in urgent cases"

Annual Revision of Valuation.

Under date 20th July, the Commissioner of Valuation, wrote, that he had appointed Mr. Mills, of his

department, to make the annual Revision, of the Valuation, of the several Rural Districts, of the County, which would be Commenced at once.

marked "Read"

Poor Rate Collectors Security.

Mr Laurence Lacy, Rate Collector, Oulart; wrote, that one of his securities, Mr Laurence Dempsey, had died, and submitted the name of Mr Patrick Dempsey, Oulart, as substitute.

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle Jt. Seconded by Mr James Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, was adopted:—

"That the name of Mr Patrick Dempsey, be accepted, as surety, provided he can furnish proof, of title, to his father's farm at Oulart"

Public Health & Sanitary Conferences in Dublin

Letters were received, from the Town Clerk, Dublin, relative to appointment of delegates, to the proposed conference, of Sanitary Authorities to be held in Dublin, from 15th to 21st August, and also asking the County Council, for subscriptions, in connection with the reception of the Public Health Congress, which is to be held in Dublin on the same dates, as the conference of Sanitary Authorities.

marked "Read"

Architectural Competitions

Regulations of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, for Architectural Competitions, were laid before the meeting.

"Referred to County Surveyor"

Lectureship in Spanish & Italian National University.

The following resolution, was received from Monaghan Co Council.

That having had read for us, the statement made at a recent meeting of Convocation of the National University, with reference to the appointment to the lectureship in Spanish and Italian a statement involving charges, of flagrant jobbery, in favour of a foreigner, and of grave injustice to two talented Irishwomen, we the members, of the Monaghan Co. Council, one of the first of Irish Councils, to strike a vote in aid of the University, hereby call upon the responsible authorities, in the interests of the purity of Irish public life, to investigate the aforesaid charges, and to vindicate thereby the honour of the University, whose welfare, we have so much at heart.

"No action taken"

Afforestation:-

Under date 27th July, the following resolution, adopted at the All Ireland Industrial Conference, held in Dublin on the 11th & 15th June, was forwarded for the consideration, of the Council:-

(a) "That ample powers, should be given, to the Forestry Department, enabling them, to take effective measures, to check the felling of growing timbers, unaccompanied by any provision for replanting.

(b) That funds be provided, by the State, for defraying expenses, in connection therewith, and for enforcing, the proper upkeep, of woods, as a matter of public policy.

(c) That the state, following the example, of other countries, should acquire upon a large scale, woods and lands suitable for afforestation; and to offer inducement, to tenant purchasers, and woodland proprietors for the planting, cultivation, and upkeep of trees"

"On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded

by Mr. Stafford. The foregoing resolution was adopted"

Tara Hill Quarry.

In connection with the letter of 10th June, from Mr. John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, stating that he was not able to look after the Engine, Stone breakers, Contractor's Accounts, drawing material, and men's accounts. And asking that the Council would appoint some man to look after the engine. It had been decided, that no action be taken, until the tram road, had been completed.

"Postponed, pending report from Tara Hill Quarry Committee."

Omniun Insurance Corporation:-

Under date 30th June 1911, the following was read from Irish Branch Manager of the Omniun Insurance Corporation:-

"I understand that your Council, are now refusing, to accept of this Corporation, before you finally make a decision. I would like to point out to you, that there is at present pending an amalgamation, with the United London & Scottish Insurance Co Ltd. Subscribed Capital of the combined companies, will be £ 215.000. odd, the paid up Capital, will be £ 55.000. odd, and the total security, to Policy Holders, will amount to, nearly £ 300.000.

With this information before you, we hope you will see your way, to accept our Security as formerly.

Marked "Read"

Discharging Boats at Courstown:-

Under date 14th July 1911, the following was read from Hon. G. Stopford. Hon Sec.
Courstown Branch Royal National Life Boat Institution.

"I beg to ask permission, for the use of one of the discharging boats, at Courstown Harbour, when it is not in use, for the purpose of shooting a haul off warp, for the use of the Life Boat, the Institution being responsible for any damage done to the discharging boat. I may mention, I understand, the Harbour Master, in former years, gave leave, but for some reason he refuses this year. It would be a great convenience, if you would give the required leave.

Thanking you in anticipation"
On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by the Chairman, permission to utilise the discharging boat, was granted on the conditions of the letter, of the Hon. G. V. Stopford"

Action against County Council:-

The Secretary stated, he had received from Mr W. J. O'Dempsey, Solicitor, Enniscorthy; a letter on behalf of Miss Kavanagh, Gorey; sister of a patient in the Asylum, named Kavanagh, who committed suicide in April, asking him to accept service of writ, against the Council, for damages, sustained through the suicide.

"Mr Elgee mentioned, that no writ, had been served on him so far"

Acknowledgments of Appointment on Committees:-

Acknowledgments of appointment, to Committees, were read from Mr M. A. Ennis, Canon Doyle, Lafoat

Lady W. Fitzgerald

Marked "Read"

Governors Co Infirmary:

Under date 16th June, Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, Co. Infirmary, wrote, that the following had been appointed, to represent the Governors and Governesses, on the Joint Committee, of management, for the County Wexford Infirmary:-

Hon. Mrs Deane Morgan, Ardcarrisk
Rev. Canon Furlong P. P. Taghmon.
Lady Doran, Ely House, Wexford.
R. W. Edge, Esq. Wexford.
E. A. Gibbon Esq. St. Steedagh House.

Marked "Read"

Ferrycarraig Bridge.

Under date 11th July, the following letter was read from Mr J. S. E. Debesian (Mouchel & Partners) London relative to Ferrycarraig Bridge:-

"We think it may be of interest to you, to know, with regard to the above matter, that our Engineer, when inspecting the work last week, reports that the work, is good, that the progress is good, and that the materials are excellent.

This bears out the writer's opinion, formed on the occasion, of his visit, a few weeks ago.

We believe that the Foreman, now in charge of the work, is a thoroughly competent man, keen, and likely to make a satisfactory job.

It is most regrettable, that the Contractor, should have allowed, so many valuable months, to slip by, when he started the work. This delay, has been of course, ruinous to him, we can well understand, extremely annoying to you, and of course detrimental to us, because your Council

may form the opinion, that ferro-concrete work is slow, which is not the case, if properly handled.

As this delay, was so much against the interests, of the Contractor, we can only believe, he was misled, in the foreman, he put in charge of the work, and that the work, being some way from his place of business, he was possibly not able, to give as much personal attention, to the work, as he should have done. We have been in communication with your Engineer, from the start, and are aware of the steps, he took, to expedite the work.

We do not see, what other steps, could have been taken, except the removal of the Contractor altogether, and this would have been a very stringent measure, and one seldom, resorted to, owing to the difficulty, and likelihood of subsequent legal trouble.

We feel sure, that when the bridge is finished, it will give you every satisfaction, and we sincerely hope, that such completion, may not now be unduly delayed."

Marked "Read"

Deeds of Conveyance:-

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

"That the deed of Conveyance, from Mr. Andrew Kavanagh, Tomfarrow, for gravel pit at Ballcarney, and the Deed of Conveyance, from the Board of Trade, for the Foreshore at Derrycarrig, be sealed and signed."

Roads Committee:-

It was decided, that the first meeting of the Roads Committee, be held on Thursday, 24th August at 10.30 a.m. And a Special meeting of the Council, at 7.30 p.m. on the same date.

Coroner's Duties.

On the motion, of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle Es. the following Resolution, was adopted:

"That we request Mr Peter French M.P. when engaged at his Parliamentary Duties, to invest his Deputy Mr J. S. Roche Es. with full discretionary powers as to the holding of inquests."

Confirmation of minutes of Finance Committee:

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle Es. seconded by Mr James Bodd. the following Recommendations of the Finance Committee, were adopted:

"That the Harbour Master of Courstown, be instructed not to allow any agreement for the hire of boats to be signed, until he had seen the quantities in the bill of lading"

"That Mr Mullett be informed, that the Finance Committee, are dissatisfied with the manner, in which he is proceeding with his Collection, and in the event of his not expediting his work, the Finance Committee, will request the Co. Council, to have him removed from Office"

"That our Secretary write to collectors Redmond, Lacy, Sheehan, J. H. Doyle. that the Finance Committee, are not satisfied with the progress they have made in their Collection, and state that the Committee expect a substantial improvement, by next Finance Committee Meeting"

"That our Secretary forward to each Rate Collector, copy of letter received from the Local Government Board, as to the state of Rate Collection in the County"

"That the Co. Surveyor, be requested, to submit a detailed account, of the expenditure relative to repairs, of Wexford Bridge, and details of the amount of £63. 13. 3, spent on sudden Damage orders."

for Buoy. At New Ross Bridge"

"That our Secretary be empowered, to employ any temporary assistance he may require, pending the appointment, of an Accountant, to the Council"

"That Mr D. McDonald. Checks for the accounts, of the Rate Collectors of Ennisconthy District. be called on, for an explanation, as to the manner, in which he has checked the accounts of Mr John Mullett.

That this explanation be brought, before next meeting, of the Finance Committee. And if said explanation, be regarded as unsatisfactory. Mr John Mullett be called on to resign"

"That the Roads Committee inspect Roads nos. 312 & 313. Ennisconthy District, and report to next meeting.

That payments of £10 and £15 to Jas. Nolan Edersmine Mills, Ennisconthy, be held over, pending the report, of the Road Committee"

John Bolger

Special Meeting :- 17th August 1911

A Special Meeting, of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; On the 17th August 1911

Present:- Mr John Bolger, Chairman. (Presiding)
Other Members:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, M. Cloney,
J. H. Esmonde, John O'Connor, James A. Doyle,
C. H. Peacock, John J. Mayle, James Codd, Michael Doyle,
R. A. Rice, Patrick Rossiter

The Secretary, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also present.

There were also in attendance:- Doctor Browne, Medical Inspector, of the Local Government Board, Doctor Pierce, Medical Officer of Health, for the Town of Wexford, and Mr Hannery, Veterinary Surgeon, of the Department, of Agriculture.

The meeting was called, to consider an Anthrax Outbreak, on the farms, of Mr Richard Richards, situate at Whitemill, and Mulgannon, near Wexford Town.

Mr R. Malone v.s. reported that there were 36 animals originally on these farms; 22 on Mulgannon, and 14 on Whitemill. Two had died of the disease and two were at present affected.

The Secretary read correspondence he had with the Department:-

On the 9th August, the date he had received the report, from Mr Malone, he called the attention, of the Department, to the outbreak, and stated that all precautions, had been taken, to prevent the spread, of the disease.

On the 10th August, he again wrote the Department, calling their attention, to the fact, that a number of people, were representing to him, that the animals in contact, with those, which had died, should be slaughtered.

He further pointed out, that there were a number of dairy cows, and dry stock, on the surrounding farms, and that fearing the spread of the disease, the Department might see their way, to have the animals slaughtered, and award compensation to the owners.

On the 11th August, the Secretary forwarded, the following Certificate from Doctor Pierse, Medical Officer of Health.

"I certify that I received notice of an outbreak of Anthrax in cattle, the property of Mr Richard Richards, on farms at Mulgannon and Whitmill near Wexford.

I visited these farms to-day, and found that four bullocks, died of the disease, and that four others, have symptoms of the disease.

I recommend, in the interest of Public Health, that all the infected animals, be slaughtered at once, and that all the remaining portion be slaughtered, if other cases occur."

(Signed) Thomas Pierse.
"Medical Officer of Health"

On the 12th August, he received the following wire, from the Department:-

"Anthrax outbreak at Richards. wire has been received from Mayor of Wexford, that people refuse to bury carcasses. It is the duty of the County Council, to arrange for disposal of such carcasses, in manner set forth in Article 7 of the Anthrax Order"

The Secretary stated, that the animals referred to, in the Department's telegram, had been buried according to the provisions of the Anthrax Order.

By the directions of the Finance Committee Meeting, of the 12th August, the following wire was sent to the Department-

"Re Anthrax Outbreak. Disease extending. Another animal dead. Finance Committee of County Council, wish to know, what is to be done, in view of danger to Public Health.

To this, the following reply, was received on August 12th

"Your wire re Anthrax Outbreak, received, the precautions, to be observed, are fully detailed, in the Anthrax Order. The slaughter of infected animals, unless the greatest care is exercised, is attended, with much danger, and liable in certain circumstances, to further spreading of disease.

If however the local authority, are in favour of slaughter, and are willing to pay, the compensation, out of local rates, which is the only source available.

The Department, although not advising, that procedure, are ready, to authorize the local authority under section 19 of Disease of Animals Act 1894, to slaughter the affected animals"

On the 16th August, the following wire, was sent to the Department:-

"Re Anthrax Outbreak. Two fresh cases, reported to-day. Medical Inspector of Local Government Board, attending meeting, County Council to-morrow. suggest advisability of Department, being represented."

In reply to the Chairman, Doctor Peirse stated, that a good deal, of the milk supply of the Town, was taken from the farms, adjoining Mr Richards. A case of Human Anthrax, came under his observation, the previous night, the person affected, being a workman of Mr Richards. There was every danger, of the disease spreading

by means of insects &c.

He thought in the interests of Public Health, the remaining Cattle, should be destroyed, and buried according to the provisions of the Anthrax Order. There was no other way, to stamp out the disease.

Dr. Browne, Medical Inspector, of the Local Government Board, said he undoubtedly recommended slaughter, if they desired, to prevent the spread of the disease.

Mr. Hanney said, that Mr. Malone had asked him, to state, that he was in favour of the animals being slaughtered.

As regards compensation, the Department advised him, that the only fund, out of which, the compensation could be given, was the Local Rate.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That in view of the statements of Doctor Browne, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, and Doctor Pierce, Medical Officer of Health, for the town of Wexford, to this meeting, and to the opinion of Mr. Malone &c., that it is advisable, for the protection, of the health, of the people of Wexford, and to prevent the spreading of Anthrax, to other herds, and human beings, to have slaughtered all animals on the farms, of Mr. Richard Richards at Mulgannon, and Whitmill, which are either affected with Anthrax, or have been in contact with animals so affected.

We hereby request the Department, to issue at once, an Order, for the slaughter of these animals.

Taking into consideration the large sum of money involved, we request the Department, to issue this Order, under Section 22 (XXXV) and XXXVII of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894, instead of under, Section 19, of the said Act.

as we believe the Amount payable, for Compensation should be defrayed, by the Department, and not from the Local Rates.

Our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, advises us, that the Department can, if they so desire, make an order, to cover payment of Compensation under Section 22.

That in the event of the Department not agreeing to issue the Order, under Section 22, we appoint the following as a deputation, to wait on Mr. F. W. Russell, Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to urge on him the necessity, of inducing the Department, to pay for the animals slaughtered - viz:-

Mr John Balge (Chairman) Mr B. H. Peacocke, and Mr J. L. Esmonde.

That Mr Russell be requested, to receive the Deputation, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 23rd inst.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That Messrs Peacocke, Rice, J. L. Esmonde & James Bodd, be appointed a Committee, to value the Cattle.

That a Car, to visit Mr Richard's farms, at Mulgannon & Whitemill, be provided for them, at the expense of the Co. Council.

Subsequently the following telegraphic reply, was received, by Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council,

In answer, to a message sent by him, to the Department, which reply was read, for the meeting.

"The Department consider, that compensation for affected Cattle, should not exceed, half of their value, before they became, so affected, and that in any other case, it should be the value, immediately before slaughter. In determining the value, regard should be had, to the Local Market Rates.

It is presumed however, that no other Cattle, than those, which became affected, will be slaughtered,

unless the Local Authority are fully satisfied, that the
Circumstances of the case, justify the adoption, of
this unusual course"

John Bolger

Special meeting - 29th August 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford county council, was held in the co. council chamber courthouse, Wexford; on 29th August 1911.

Present :- Mr John Bolger, chairman, presiding
Other members :- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, Michael Brown, M. Cloney, M. Doyle Sr., J. A. Doyle, J. L. Esmonde, R. A. Rice, J. S. Hearn, M. Doyle Jr., A. Kinsella, John O'Connor, J. J. Mayler, D. Sinnott, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, P. Rossiter, M. Dickey, P. J. Fanning, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. Apple.

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

Unveiling Parnell's monument.

Under date 23rd August, a letter was read from Mr C. E. Redmond, Parnell monument committee, asking the county council to appoint representatives to take part in the unveiling of the monument to the late Chas. S. Parnell.

The following were appointed as the representatives of the Council :- Messrs John Bolger, chairman; C. A. Peacocke vice-chm; and J. J. Stafford.

Appointment of Accountant.

For the position of accountant to the co. council at a salary of £80. per annum, applications were received from the following:-
Augustine Finn, 2 High Hill, New Ross.
Kathleen Fanning, Killanne, Enniscorthy
Richard Ryan, 4 School Street, Wexford.
J. A. Frizelli, Whitrock Cottage.

N. J. Cosgrave, George Street, Wexford.
 Michael Quinn, Clashganny, Borris.
 Wm Hutchinson, Monck Street, Wexford.

It was decided that a poll be taken at once, without the formality of proposing and seconding candidates.

The following is the result:-

For Mr. Frizelle: Messrs Browne, James Codd, Cloney, Rice, O'Neill, Stafford, Hearn, Keacocks, Fanning, Lynch, Comonde, Rossiter, Mayler, J. A. Doyle, M. Codd, M. Doyle Sr., M. Dickey, and the Chairman - 18.
 For Mr. Hutchinson: Messrs M. Doyle Jr., 12.
 Sinnott, J. O'Connor, and J. Aspley - 4.
 For Mr. Ryan: Mr. Kinsella. 1.

The other candidates were not proposed and the Chairman declared Mr. Frizelle elected.

The latter returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

To the Wexford County Council.
 Gentlemen

In reply to your advertisement I beg to apply for the position of accountant to your Council. I was educated at the Christlan Schools, Wexford; and at Mungret College (S. J.) Limerick.

I passed matriculation of the National University in 1910, and as evidence of my knowledge of Irish I may state that I secured practically 70 per cent of maximum marks in this subject at the matriculation.

I have had over a year's training in the offices of the Co. Council. For the past nine months I have been in charge of the

accounts of the county committee of agriculture & technical instruction, which are of a kindred nature to those of the council.

I understand the basis of the council's accounts, and have no doubt I will keep them properly. I have a knowledge of shorthand and typing.

I enclose testimonials as to character etc. from the Rev J. Hore adm., Wexford, and the very Rev N. J. Tomkin, Rector of Mungret College, Limerick.

Should you favour me with the appointment nothing will be wanting on my part to discharge my duties to the entire satisfaction of the council."

Appointment of Stenographer & Typist.

For the position of Stenographer & Typist to the Co. Council; at a salary of £1 per week. Applications were received:-

James H. Cadogan, Barrack St Wexford.
James J. Moran, Mulgannon, "

It transpired that Mr Moran, had no knowledge of typing, and the meeting decided that there was only one candidate before the meeting - Mr J. H. Cadogan.

On the motion of Mr Keacocke seconded by Mr Fanning, a resolution was adopted unanimously appointing Mr Cadogan

The following is Mr Cadogan's application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Stenographer & Typist in the Co. Council office. I enclose reference from Mr. Trizelle, as whose private clerk I acted for four years, and from which you will see my qualifications for the position. My shorthand speed is 175

words per minute, and typing speed 70 words per minute.

I attach certificate from Intermediate Commissioners showing I passed with honours in Irish at the examination in 1899. I also attach certificate from Rev Mark O'Byrne B. C., President of the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League, that I can read, write and translate Irish.

If elected I shall do my best to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the Council and the Secretary. - Mr. Fizzell -

Recent Anthrax Outbreak

The following is the report of the Deputation appointed at the last meeting of the County Council to wait on Mr. J. W. Russell, Vice President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"We attended at the Department's offices last Wednesday 28th inst., and were received by the Right Hon. J. W. Russell; the Secretary, Mr. Muttam; and Mr. Cantrell, representatives of the Veterinary Staff.

We submitted the following :-

The County Council as the local authority feel that the correspondence regarding the serious outbreak of anthrax on the borders of Wexford town has been most misleading on the part of the Department.

If on August 11th the Department had wired that they were prepared to issue an Order under Section 19 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 the meeting of the County Council could have been held earlier, and the panic in the town could have been met sooner.

On the 11th August the Department wired - "Neither the Department nor Local Authority are legally authorised to slaughter any animals for

this disease." and afterwards the Department issued an Order for the slaughter of the cattle.

On August 12th the Department wired:-
 "If the local authority are in favour of slaughter and are willing to pay the compensation out of local rates which is the only source available the Department although not advising that procedure are ready to authorise the Local Authority under Section 19 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 to slaughter the affected animals".

The Department now have issued an Order for the slaughter of the cattle and for the payment of compensation, half the cost to come out of the cattle Diseases Fund.

The Solicitor of the County Council advises us that the Department can, if they so desire, make an Order to cover payment of compensation under Section 22. It will be seen from the Diseases of Animals Act 1894, that the Department by Section 22 (45) can extend the act to any disease of cattle and by Section 22 (37) can do anything they desire to prevent the spread of the disease in animals.

The County Council hold that the Department would be able under this Section to apply the section dealing with pleuro-pneumonia, and foot and mouth disease to anthrax and by Section 22 (37) could have made the Order apply to compensation.

The County Council has never held that the Department should pay the compensation out of the monies intrusted to them under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act (Ireland) 1899; but it is contended that if the Department wish to adopt the procedure under Section 22 they could have paid out

of the same funds from which they provide compensation for pleuro-pneumonia or for foot and mouth diseases. In the first named the owner of animals which are affected with the disease is to be compensated at the rate of three-fourths of their value, in foot and mouth disease the owner is to get the full value of the cattle, whether affected or not, provided they are slaughtered, and in swine fever the compensation is to be half the value.

It is considered by the County Council that in face of the panic which prevailed in the town, and to the fact that anthrax is not only a malignant disease in the case of animals, but is most dangerous to human beings, that the Department would have agreed that the compensation should be at full rate for all, and we the deputation urge the Department taking all the circumstances into consideration to recoup our Council the full cost of compensation out of the General Cattle Diseases Fund."

Mr. Russell stated, the Department had obtained Counsel's opinion regarding the power of the Department to make compensation under Section 22 (35) and if the Department could do anything, it desired under (37) in order to prevent the spread of disease in animals, Mr. Russell, said the Department were advised they had no power under section 22 to make compensation.

Mr. Mettam of the Veterinary College, said that the disease of anthrax was combatted better by treatment than by slaughter; Mr. Leacocke informed Mr. Russell, that treatment of the animals had not at anytime been suggested by the Department or by any of their officials to the County Council.

We consider that full publicity should be given regarding all the facts connected with the outbreak of anthrax, and the part the Department is taking in the matter.

We recommend the Co. Council to obtain Council's opinion regarding the power of the Department to provide compensation under Section 22 of the Diseases of Animals Act."

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Fanning; it was decided that the report of the Committee be adopted, with the exception of the last paragraph, which was dissented from.

Under date 17th August, the following letter (No 7A Co. Wexford) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. (Veterinary Branch) :-

"With reference to the outbreak of anthrax on the farm of Mr. R. Richards, I have to state that the Department have been informed by their Veterinary Inspector, Mr. Flannery, that the County Council, as the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act, are desirous that an Order should be issued authorising them to slaughter twenty-one cattle on the townland of Mulgannon, and eleven on the townland of Whitemill, both in the electoral division of Wexford, and County of Wexford.

The Department accordingly transmit two copies of an Order conveying the necessary power for the carrying out of the slaughter of these animals subject to the terms as to compensation which that Order prescribes. A copy of the Order is also sent to Mr. Malone & Co.

The owners acceptance of valuation should

be obtained in writing prior to the slaughter of the animals in each case.

care should be taken ultimately to see that all precautions as to the disposal of the carcasses, as well as cleansing and disinfection of the places concerned, railing off of any graves etc. shall be duly attended to as required by the provisions of the Anthrax Order.

The Department should be informed by wire of the date and hour of proposed slaughter so that a Departmental Veterinary Inspector may attend on the occasion.

marked "Read."

"The Secretary stated that Mr. Richards had signed an agreement that he would abide by the valuation arrived at by the sub-committee of the Co. Council."

The following letter from Mr. C. W. Lett, Stannis Enniscorthy, was forwarded by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the information of the County Council:-

"If the facts are as stated in the accompanying report of Wexford County Council meeting on Thursday last, I protest as a contributor to local and Imperial Taxes, to the granting of exceptional compensation in the case under discussion. A deputation is to wait upon Mr. Russell for the purpose of coaxing him to "give away" public money to a wealthy man, who gives as a reason for claiming it, - that he did not ship the remainder of the infected herd - I presume you purpose enquiring whether he was so far master of the situation as to be able to accomplish so dangerous an act, and how far your officers are to blame in allowing the dead cattle to remain so long over ground."

Notwithstanding all the expensive machinery which has recently been provided by Parliament this outbreak has been met with even more blundering than the one with which I had to do, in September 1893, and which one might reasonably expect to be still in the minds of medical men, who were then practising in the County. Perhaps they, and their Departments will awake when necessity for action is passed. It was so in 1893. When all the mischief was done I was inundated with posters and leaflets by the Privy Council, which a few days earlier would have done good service in warning those who had suffered and allaying the panic which then prevailed. For your information I may mention that in the case referred to the cattle buried before the disease was known were afterwards burned with vitriol poured into holes bored down to the carcass and a slaughtering of the healthy cattle was declared to be a mistake, and that they should have been isolated and kept under observation as was customary in England.

If I am in order in doing so, I request that you will be so good as to have a copy of this letter sent to Wexford County Council. marked "Read."

Motor Cars & Drivers Travelling in Foreign Countries
Under date 14th August 1911, the Local Government Board (letter N^o 32730 mis) wrote forwarding copies of Order made by them under article 1. (2) of the motor car (International Circulation) Order 1910, authorising the Irish Automobile Club, and the Automobile Association and Motor Union to perform from the date of the Order to the 26th May 1912, the duties as regards Ireland specified

in article 1 (1) of the Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries.

marked "Read."

Reports of Auditors of Local Government Board.

under date 21st August the Local Government Board forwarded (letters No. 43,350-1911, and No. 43,351) copy of the Report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wexford Union, and Rural District Council.

under date 28th August (letter No. 43891) the Local Government Board forwarded a copy of the report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the half-year ended 31st March 1911.

marked "Read."

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

under date 15th August 1911, the following letter No. 3608 (V.B.) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting of the 2nd instant, and which was embodied in your letter of the following day, I have to point out, for the information of the Council, that the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1911 Amendment Order (further copy enclosed) enables the second dipping to commence in August, and that there is nothing in the principal Order to preclude any owner from completing before 15th October the dipping of the sheep in his possession.

In these circumstances the Department trust that the Co. Council will now be so good as to arrange for the enforcement of

the Autumn Dipping.

The Department have noted the suggestion of your Council as to the date of the Summer dipping period for consideration before the passing of any Order or Orders for next year." marked "Read."

— Proposed Grants to County Harbours. —

Under date 8th August 1911, the following letter No 6,496 (F. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant embodying the following resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 2nd instant :-

"That we ask the Department to give us the names of the six specified harbours for which they have applied for a grant of £32,500. (vide Development Commission Report page 29)"

In reference thereto I have to state that the Department are not prepared to enter into correspondence with the Council in connection with the application for funds to be expended on the improvement of the Irish fisheries which was made by the Department to the Development Commissioners pending the decision thereon of these Commissioners and of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Department will, however, subsequently be happy to discuss with your Council the question of the allocation of such funds as may be made available for the County Wexford. marked "Read."

— Dredging Kilmore Harbour. —

Under date 9th August, the following letter (No 6497- F. B) from the Department of

Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., and the resolution therein embodied on the subject of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour; and, in reference thereto, to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the delay in this matter has arisen from the fact that there was no plant available in Ireland that could properly deal with Kilmore and similar shallow harbours. Suitable plant is now being secured and Kilmore will, it is hoped, be effectively dealt with next season."

marked "Read."

Roads Committee Report.

The first meeting of the recently appointed Roads Committee, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 29th August 1911.

Present:- Mr. C. H. Peacocke (Vice Chairman) presided.

Messrs R. A. Rice, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Stafford, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, T. Aspley, T. L. Comonde, M. Hickey, P. Rossiter.

The County Secretary and Mr. Gaffney, Es. Surveyor were in attendance.

Mr. Fanning proposed, Mr. Rice seconded and it was passed:-

"That we request the County Council to put into charge of the Roads Committee all matters connected with Roads, Bridges, etc., except the consideration of tenders. That the Reports of the Roads Committee be brought before the Council for confirmation."

The following was submitted:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on the

2nd August 1911, a letter was read from Mr. James Banham, Brury, Crossabeg; Contractor for Roads Nos. 168, 169 & 170. Wexford District, asking the County Council to take this road off his hands owing to the difficulty of obtaining material, or refusing to use quarry specified.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting :-

"That the representatives of the Wexford District on the Roads Committee, with Mr. Asple, inspect the quarries referred to in the letter of Mr. Banham, and report to the next meeting of the County Council."

On the 3rd August the inspection was made by the following :-

Messrs Stafford, Rossiter, and Asple. The County Surveyor was also in attendance.

The Committee beg to Report :-

"We first visited Murphy's quarry where we found the material very good, but the approach extremely difficult owing to a steep and winding hill. There are three or four contractors at present working there, but the owner objects to Mr. Banham getting material from the Quarry.

We then proceeded to Bashin's quarry, which adjoins the public road. In our opinion the material is very poor, as it crumbled away in the hand.

Connolly's quarry was the third inspected. The stones is of poor quality and the approach even worse than to Murphy's. Contractors must pass through a lane nearly three-quarters of a mile in length, and so narrow that it scarcely affords sufficient space for a cart.

Doran's the last quarry seen is the nearest to this particular road. The material is good but in order to reach the quarry it is

necessary to pass through tillage land, and Mr. Doran objects to the quarry being used owing to trespass and consequent loss to his crops.

Having discussed fully this case in all its bearings, we recommend the County Council to insist upon the contractor carrying out his contract and in the event of his ^{not} doing so that Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, serve the contractor with a ten days notice or prosecute the contractor and his sureties, whichever course the County Surveyor considers most desirable.

(Signed) James J. Stafford
Thomas Asple
Patrick Rossiter

The following Report was received :-
"As requested by the Council we have inspected the Roads Nos. 312, 313, (Enniscorthy District) and were accompanied by Mr. Howlin the Assistant Surveyor.

The roads in question lead from the milehouse to Schroughmore Cross are very hilly and a little short of 5 miles in length.

The object of our visit being to ascertain as far as possible what work had been done on these roads since the 31st March last, to 30th June, and for which a sum of £25 was certified to Mr. James Nolan, we carefully noted what stones had been picked off, the state of the road edges, water tables, gulleys, and the general state of the road surface.

We gave Mr. Nolan credit for all work which could possibly have been done during the time he had the road in charge, but still we regret having to report that in our opinion the payment certified for is grossly excessive.

We ^{saw} ~~saw~~ a small quantity of stones which

had been picked off and a few hundred perches of sides cleaned up in a careless manner but beyond this there was no visible work done.

There were several patches of loose stones badly scattered about, and in several places there were deep wheel tracks in the road with new stones in ridges between them, proving quite clearly that the stones had not been properly raked in.

There were also some road scrapings most of which were overgrown with weeds and grass.

The whole road surface is in a neglected condition, and in many places the middle is lower than the sides the result being that on most of the hills the water has worn the road surface away.

This however is due to previous neglect and is not Mr. Nolan's fault.

The stone depot at the milehouse is untidy and to some extent interferes with the traffic, while there is a dangerous crossroads at Shroughmore which could be greatly improved at a small expense.

The Assistant Surveyor informed us that he hardly visited this road once a fortnight during the June quarter. That he saw Mr. Nolan on it once, and his workmen.

He also informed us that he believed £20 and not £25 was the amount he certified for, but that in arriving at this estimate he had no system of measurement of work done, but trusted to eye alone in arriving at its value.

We think that a serious mistake has been made in the amount certified for these roads, the mistake being due to want of system in supervision and calculation by our roads officials, and we feel it our

duty to remind the Council that similar mistakes might be made on other roads in the County.

(Signed) J. L. Emond
James Lynch
Thomas Asple.

Date of Inspection - 15th August 1911.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Fanning, it was decided that the report be received.

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

"That this matter be adjourned and that Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Howlin be asked for an explanation of their position in reference to the report of the Ennisworthy representatives on the Roads Committee, relative to roads 312, and 313."

Mr. A. Haughton, owner of Rockspring Quarry came before the meeting, and explained that he could not make his quarry pay at 3/- per cubic yard for road metalling. For the two months ending the 22nd July the expenditure was £71: 9/- and the receipts £61: 4/- showing a loss on the working of £10: 5/-. He would be prepared to sell the quarry to the County Council as he could not continue the working on the present conditions.

It was decided to adjourn the matter for the attendance of Mr. J. Bolger, Chairman, at the meeting of the Council.

Mr. Emond proposed:- "That we direct the attention of the County Council to the fact that in our opinion the present system of road

management has failed, and that a more efficient system is absolutely necessary.

We request the County Council to empower the Roads Committee to devise a plan which in our opinion will furnish adequate provision for the proper supervision of the County roads."

Mr Hearn seconded.

Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hearn and adopted:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to inform us if they have any objection to allow an account to be opened with the County Treasurer into which fund is to be paid fines recovered from Road contractors, and which are to be spent on Roads in respect of which these fines have been imposed."

Subsequently at the County Council meeting the recommendation of the Roads Committee asking the County Surveyor and Mr Howlin for their views in connection with the reports dealing with Roads No. 312 and 313 was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle J seconded by Mr M. Good.

In connection with paragraph dealing with Rockspring Quarry, the following resolution was agreed to:- On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr J. L. Emond:-

"That the representatives of Ennisorthy on the Roads Committee visit Rockspring, Clologue, and Boley quarries, and report to next meeting of the County Council, as to the prices per cubic yard which they consider should be charged on future road contracts for metalling obtained from these quarries."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the general resolutions of the Roads Committee dealing with the instructing of road business to the Committee; - the report as to road No 168, 169, 170 Wexford District; - adjourning the question of roads 812, 813 Enniscorthy District; - asking instructions to devise a new system of road management; requesting the Local Government Board to agree to the establishment of a No 2. account; to utilise fines from Road Contractors - were confirmed."

Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture &c.

On the motion of Mr. Panning.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we delegate to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction full powers for the purposes of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act 1899."

Proposed Grant from Road Board.

Under date 10th August 1911, the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"The Road Board understand from your letter of the 4th instant, that you wish some further information which will assist you in preparing a scheme for the improvement of the roads in the County to lay before the Road Board.

A scheme may be prepared (a) on the basis of the total cost of the work, in which case the Board will contribute 50 per cent of the expenditure, or (b) on the basis of the net improvement cost, in which case the Board will contribute 75 per cent of this figure, if the scheme is approved.

I enclose specimen cases shewing how the figures should be presented under both (a) & (b).

It has been found in most Irish Counties that it is simpler to proceed under method (a) showing the total cost and making application for a grant of 50 per cent of that cost leaving the balance of 50 per cent to be found by the local authority out of the current expenditure or by borrowing.

The second case, in which the net improvement cost is given, is more suitable for counties who have hitherto systematically steamrolled their roads, and who now desire to substitute a better stone or tar macadam for the material previously used."

This communication was considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 12th August, when the following recommendation was adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor be furnished with a copy of the letter of the 10th August from the Road Board. That he be requested to re-submit the particulars of the roads already selected in connection with the application for a Grant to the Road Board utilising in his calculations the schedule to the letter of the Road Board under date the 10th August."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to calculate the present cost of roads included in the trunk road scheme, and the amount which the County would have to pay if the roads were put into the condition required by the Road Board as per schedule

A. to the letter of the Road Board under date 10th August 1911."

— Renewals of Licences- Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Hearn.

Seconded by Mr. Stafford

renewals of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were granted to-

Mr. Margaret Conran, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

W. E. Reynolds, 69 Main Street, Gorey.

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

At the last meeting of the Council a tender for the working of Slievebawn Quarry at 3/- per cubic yard for three years was received from James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey.

It was adjourned for further information as to proposed contractor's ability to perform the work.

Under date 4th August the following letter from Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, was read:-
"I can recommend James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey; as a fit and suitable person to undertake the work of quarrying and breaking the stones at Slievebawn quarry.

He has a varied and practical experience of quarrying and understands the working of the explosives used in quarrying."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the tender of Mr. James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey; for the working of Slievebawn Quarry at 3/- per cubic yard for three years be accepted."

That the contract commence from the date of signing agreement which is to be prepared by Mr. Elgar, Solicitor to the Council."

Inquest on the late Thomas Kehoe.

With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council at their meeting of the 2nd August as to inquest on the late Thomas Kehoe, killed at Rosslare Harbour, the following letter under date 4th August, was read from the coroner - Mr. Peter French -

"I duly received your letter of the 3rd inst., with a copy of the resolution of the County Council to which you refer.

I need not say that any communication from the County Council of Wexford shall always have the most attentive consideration from me.

The facts of the case of the unfortunate man - Kehoe - appear to be these, I received a telegram on the 31st July from the police announcing the death the night before by accident, of the poor man Kehoe, and in accordance with my usual practice, I wired back a reply saying that an inquest was necessary, and directing them to communicate with the Deputy Coroner. That reply was sent in time sufficient to enable an inquest to be held that evening, if expedition were exercised, and of course, certainly, on the following morning which would have been quite time enough for an inquest.

It thus appears that everything that was necessary was done in this case so far as I am concerned, and that even if I had formerly invested Mr. Roche - "with full discretionary powers as to the holding of inquests: nothing more than what was done, need have been done.

As to the suggestion in the resolution of the Council, I am myself very doubtful whether I have, in point of law, any power to delegate

my responsibility to the extent desired, and I am sure that if this be the case, the Council will not expect me to do so, especially when so far as I know, no necessity has arisen."

Under date 9th August, the following communication was read from Mr. French:-

I am in receipt of your letter acknowledging receipt of mine with reference to the death of poor Thomas Kehoe. Since I wrote that letter I have taken another look at the facts of the case, and I have read in the local papers the charges made against me by Mr. James Stafford at the quarterly meeting of the Co. Council:-

Mr. Stafford's charges are-

- (a) That there was no reply from me until late on Monday evening.
- (b) That I was not heard from until 4 o'clock on Monday evening.
- (c) That I delayed the inquest for two days and was the cause of much mental and physical suffering to the relatives of the deceased.

The charges are utterly devoid of truth. Poor Kehoe seems to have met his death at 12 o'clock on Sunday night. Sergeant Gunnigle wired to me at seven minutes to nine Irish ^{Monday morning, & received a reply at ten minutes past 2, Irish time on} time, ~~on~~ Monday afternoon, giving ample time to hold the inquest that evening did Mr. Roche deem it necessary; and after swearing in the jury and viewing the body, Mr. Roche could have authorised the relatives to take it home to Wexford. Had it been necessary to postpone the inquest for want of evidence, the inquest could have been finished next morning.

The inquest was not delayed for two days. It was only one day one hour and seven minutes from the time Supt. Gunnigle despatched

his telegram until Mr. Roche held the inquest. I am sure if anybody had wired to him that the relatives were waiting to take away the body, he would have contrived to hold the inquest that evening. However, he was perfectly within his rights in doing what he did do, and no doubt he thought he was acting for the best.

There is no person who has more sympathy for the relatives of the deceased than I have, and no person who has more respect for the rights of bereaved sufferers on such occasions, but then a coroner or a Deputy coroner has some rights also.

Taking all the circumstances into consideration, I think I am entitled to an apology from Mr. Stafford, and I am sure he will find this easy, as he said - "I do not want to find fault with Mr. French."

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

"That our solicitor, Mr. Elgee, be instructed to advise the council as to whether Mr. French, coroner, is in a position under the Deputy coroner's Act, to delegate full power to his deputy, as to the holding of inquests, and without the deputy having to be authorised by Mr. French in each specific case to hold the inquest."

— Scholarship Examinations National University—
Communications were read from the authorities of the National University with reference to the proposed Scholarship examinations to be held at New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the correspondence

was referred to the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements."

Alleged breaches of Summer Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 18th August the following letter was read from Sergeant Chambers, R.I.C., Carnew:-

"I beg to report that the following sheep owners had sheep exposed for sale at a fair held here on yesterday without the required Declaration (Form B.1) filed and signed in their possession.

All names are County Wexford residents. Viz:-

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|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| 1. Patrick Butler, Burrow. | 30 | Sheep |
| 2. Michael Bolger, Money. | 6 | " |
| 3. John McDonald, Monastootha. | 32 | " |
| 4. James Doyle, Bridewell. | 10 | " |
| 5. Peter Kavanagh, Knock Brandon. | 6 | " |
| 6. William Kindella, Castluwhite. | 5 | " |
| 7. Martin McDonald, Monastootha. | 8 | " |

No. 3 and 7 live in Camolin police district, No. 5 in Hollyfort district, the others live in Co. Wexford portion of this district.

The Order ought to be sufficiently known now to dispel any doubts of non-compliance through ignorance. I request instructions.

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-
 "That Sergeant Chambers, be informed that the Co. Council do not desire a prosecution to be instituted against any of the persons mentioned in his letter of the 18th August if they had dipped their sheep at the time the animals were exhibited for sale."

Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee
 The following letter under date 17th August, was read from the Secretary, Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"I beg to inform you that the Rural District Council at their meeting held on to-day unanimously recommended that Mr Mark Codd, R. D. C., M. C. C., be co-opted a member of the School Attendance Committee in the room of the late Mr J. Bolger."

"On the motion of Mr Aspley, seconded by the Chairman, the name of Mr Mark Codd, was added to the Ennisworthy Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Mr J. Bolger, deceased."

Analyst's Report

City Laboratory
17 Castle St Dublin
19th August 1911.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. Sc., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June 1911.

54 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. D. C., as follows :-

Article	Number.
Butter	25
milk	15
whiskey	9
Buttermilk	4
Gingerwine	1
Total	<u>54</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Donaghy Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 and 11 per cent of added water respectively.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Bredon, New Ross, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 23 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Groves.

Enniscorthy, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 19.38 per cent.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.
Total solid matter, 14.000

Including
albuminoid ammonia 0.005
saline ammonia 0.007
Nitric acid 1.000
Chlorine 2.580

A good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union eighteen drugs were analysed.

One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs, four specimens of whiskey and three of Port Wine were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect.

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

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in the viscera of a calf, which was sent for analysis by Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Wexford.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Messrs W. & S. Armstrong, Enniscorthy.

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

Total analyses 116

Faulted & defective articles 8

G. A. Cameron
marked "Read."

John Bolger