

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING.-5th AUGUST 1914.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th August 1914.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle, R. A. Rice, Whelan, M. Codd, O'Neill, J. Lynch, Lord Stopford, J. J. Kehoe, Joseph Redmond, R. Scallan, J. A. Doyle, T. Asple, James Codd, Keating, Cloney, A. Kinsella, J. T. Mayler, N. J. Cowman.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

On the motion of the Chairman, a resolution was adopted suspending the Standing Orders of the Council to enable him to move a resolution.

Mr J. E. Redmond & the National Volunteers.

The Chairman moved the following resolution for which the suspension of Standing Orders had been moved:-

"That we the Members of the Wexford County Council representing the people of Wexford County of all Classes, gratefully record our admiration for the brilliant and statesmanlike address of our distinguished fellow Wexford man-Mr John E. Redmond- during the historic debate in the House of Commons, on the night of 3rd inst. We respectfully assure him that all Wexford will follow his lead in defending Ireland's shores from the Common enemy.

We confidently hope that Mr Redmond's noble and courageous action will be the means in the near future of bringing all Irishmen permanently together in peace and good will.

That copy be sent to Mr John E. Redmond.

Lord Stopford seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted."

Thanks to Council.

Under date 28th June 1914, Mr M. A. Ennis, 10 Longford Terrace, Dublin, wrote thanking the Wexford County Council for the mark of continued confidence in him which his re-appointment as one of the Council's representatives on the Irish County Council's General Council conveyed. He would do his best to merit this good opinion by attention to the duties of the position."

Mr Conor Horgan, Gaelic League Organiser, wrote, under date 21st July, 1914, forwarding a resolution of the County Committee of the Gaelic League, expressing appreciation of the action of the County Council in adopting the suggestion of the Gaelic League regarding the historic monuments of the County.

Marked "Read"

Sealed Orders.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order (No.34948-1914) of 13th June, 1914, fixing the area of charge for Ferns Water Supply on the Ferns Dispensary District, also Sealed Order (No.36272-1914) of 20th July 1914, fixing the area of charge for Kisha well on the Broadway Dispensary District.

Marked "Read"

Payment of Government Grants.

Under date 14th July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £1035. 2. 6, as an advance on account of expenditure which may be incurred for Medical & Educational purposes by Boards of Guardians in Wexford County for the year ending 30th September next.

Under date 14th July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £138 as an advance of amounts which may be paid as salaries of Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for the year ending 30th September next.

Under date 21st July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £701. 4. 1, the amount of final instalment payable to the Wexford County Council in respect of Death Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March 1914, on behalf of the Guardians of the Unions in the County wexford .

Under date 21st July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £634. 6. 3d the amount of final instalment payable to the Wexford County Council as a Road Authority in respect of the Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March 1914.

Under date 1st August 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £19. 19. 10, being the amount payable to the Wexford County Council in respect of duties on licences for motor cars during the year ended 31st March 1914.

Marked "Read"

Refund to Collector E. J. Murphy.

Under date 9th July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 32791-1914, Wexford County) stating they would offer no objection to the proposed payment by the Wexford County Council of a sum of £17. 7. 0d to Collector E. J. Murphy in respect of legal expenses incurred by him in connection with the collection of the poor rate.

Marked Read.

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 2nd July 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 32791-1914 Wexford County) referring to the entry in the minutes of the meeting of the County Council on 19th June 1914, respecting the salary proposed to be paid to Mr Vincent R Doyle, on his appointment as Assistant Surveyor.

The Local Government Board pointed out "That in view of the fact that the salary in Mr Doyle's case, viz:- £80 a year rising by £5 annually to £100, is on the same scale as that of existing Assistant Surveyors in the County, the Board will not at this juncture press their views as to giving an increased scale of remuneration, and they have accordingly approved of the appointment of Mr Doyle. The Board trust, however, that the County Council will take into consideration at an early date the question of providing the Assistant Surveyors with remuneration which will be sufficient to ensure that good work will be performed by them, and more especially in view of the higher standard of road maintenance which is now being demanded."

Marked "Read"

Waterford Joint Bridge Committee.

Under date 1st June 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 32811-1914, Waterford County Borough and Waterford New Bridge Joint Committee) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Joint Bridge Committee for the half years ended 30th September 1913, and 31st March 1914, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

Marked "Read"

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 28th July, 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, transmitting copies of the Autumn Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Temporary Order of 1914, which is designed to secure that during the 1st of August and 15th of November next sheep throughout Ireland should be dipped twice (instead of once as in other years) with an interval of not less than

seven days and not more than 14 days between the dippings.

The Department pointed out "That it is very advisable that steps at once should be taken on behalf of your Local Authority to draw the attention of their Inspectors to this new Order, and to have a notice as to the scope of the Order inserted in a newspaper circulating in their district. Some copies of a form of notice suitable for this purpose will be found enclosed."

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

"That the action of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in issuing the Autumn Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1914 be approved.

That our Secretary be instructed to issue the Notice suggested by the Department in the Local Papers, calling attention of sheep owners to the provisions of the Order."

Remuneration Veterinary Inspectors Tuberculosis (I) Order 1913.

Under date 10th June, 1914, (letter No. 2095-14), the following was read from the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo relative to the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors of your Local Authority in respect of duty under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, I have to state that on a review of the matter in the light of the experience gained since the Order came into operation it appears to the Department that the circumstances call for a revision of the arrangement approved provisionally up to 1st instant. The Department observe that on the whole the tendency towards fewer reports has already been manifested, and it seems to them, therefore, that rates of remuneration based on the duty which fell to Inspectors in the early stages of the Order's operation are no longer justly applicable. They accordingly desire to suggest that your Local Authority should now consider the question of determining anew all these rates of payment except that for microscopical examination of milk etc., In the Department's view it is desirable that payment per case should take the place of payment by way of salary, and that the scale recommended by the veterinary Medical Association of Ireland should be adhered to for the present. A further copy of this scale is enclosed herewith. It will be observed that in one important particular (viz- the fee for clinical examination of animals after the first) it differs from the scale

on which the additions to salary were fixed. The Department are of opinion that a payment in this connection of 1/- per head should be sufficient.

Under date 16th June, 1914, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2413-14) that it was only when there appeared to be reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of Tuberculosis in one or more animals on premises that an examination of all animals on such premises should be necessary. The Local Authority might themselves decide whether a Veterinary Inspector, when visiting premises in which a case of Tuberculosis is reported, should carry out an inspection of all other animals on the premises without obtaining instructions from the Local Authority so to act in that particular case.

Under date 2nd June 1914, Mr F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, wrote, asking for an increase in the amount of remuneration allowed to him for work in connection with the Tuberculosis Order. The salary allowed him (£42) was fixed on the basis of the cases which occurred during the first four months of the year. The number of cases had greatly increased within the past few months, and his salary would be nearly £100 if calculated on the same basis as the £42.

The matter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on the 29th July 1914.

The following minute of the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Stafford.- That in view of the consideration by Parliament of the Amending Tuberculosis Bill, we recommend the County Council to fix the remuneration of our Veterinary Surgeons and of the Clerk to the Local Authority for work in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, up to the 31st December 1914, at the same rate in each case as prevailed to the 1st June 1914, and we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to sanction this proposal."

Mr Taylor had made application for an increase in his salary under this head, but stated to the meeting that as his confreres were satisfied with the resolution which had been agreed to, he would withdraw the application."

The following letter under date 4th August 1914, (No. 3143-14) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was read:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo,

conveying the terms of a resolution adopted on that date by the Finance & Roads Committee of your Council respecting the rates of remuneration payable to the Council's Officers for duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913 up to 31st December next. In reference thereto I have to state that the Department will be glad to learn whether the Committee had under consideration the Department's letter of 10th June last, suggesting the desirability in present circumstances of revising the method of remunerating the Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors for such duties and what anticipation of an Act or Order amending the existing provisions regarding Bovine Tuberculosis influenced the Committee in recommending adherence for a further period, to rates of remuneration which as stated in that communication appear to the Department to be no longer properly applicable."

"On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Veterinary Inspectors at Fairs.

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

"That complaint having been received at this day's meeting of the Co. Council from several Members, as to the non-attendance of Veterinary Inspectors at the fairs in their Districts, we call upon the Veterinary inspectors to report to our Secretary immediately after each fair, stating the time during which they were present. That the said reports be brought before the succeeding meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Prohibition of Movement of Animals Order.

The various Orders of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, relative to the prohibition of movement of animals owing to outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease at Roscrea, were laid before the meeting.

Marked "Read"

Improvement Works at Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 9th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No. 2907-14 F. B.,) with reference to the improvement at Ballyhack Harbour, that Lord Templemore claimed the ownership of the site of the proposed works, and the department would feel obliged if the Council would secure the necessary conveyance from Lord Templemore in respect of the area to be affected by the Co. Council and which Mr Taylor,

Agent to Lord Templemore, states his Lordship is willing to convey to the Council if the latter agree to pay the cost of the instrument."

MrcElgee stated that the conveyance had been effected.

Under date 30th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2975-14 F. B.,) forwarding for the information of the County Council copy of a letter received from the Board of Trade relative to the claim of Lord Templemore to the site of the works proposed to be carried out at Ballyhack Harbour.

The letter of the Board of Trade was under date 24th June 1914, (No. H.8784) and stated that, relative to the request of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the views of the Board on the claim advanced by Lord templemore to the site of proposed works at Ballyhack Harbour, the Crown were advised in 1862 not to contest the title of the Corporation of Waterford to the tidal lands of the river Suir between Carrick-on -Suir and Hook Head, and, in these circumstances, the Board had no observations to offer on the claim now advanced by Lord Templemore.

Under date 20th July, 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.3751-14, F. B.,) that the Board of Trade required the consent of the owners of the land abutting on the area on which it was proposed to dump dredged material prior to the Board giving their approval to the work. The Department understand that Mr Nicholas Cheevers and Mr Joseph O'Neill own land adjacent to the area in question, and the Secretary to the Council was requested to secure the consent of these gentlemen to the proposed deposit of the spoil.

The Secretary stated that the necessary consent had been obtained from Messrs Cheevers and O'Neill, and had been forwarded to the Department.

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

"That the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to inform thss County Council as to the delay in starting the improvement work at Ballyhack Harbour."

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 20th July 1914, the Insurance Commission wrote (letter No. 72 M. 1914) that the persons appointed by the County Council as their representatives on the County Insurance Committee shall hold office until the 15th July 1917, and shall go out of office on that day.

Motor Car Acts.

Under date 30th July, 1914, the following report was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, relative to prosecution under the Motor Car Acts:-

"Report as to proceedings taken against Motor Car and Motor Cycle owners for not having paid their duty and for not returning their declarations as required--

James Power, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, G.A.Hickey, withdrawn-duty paid, G. C. Braddell, withdrawn, duty paid, John O'Loughlin, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, John J. O'Brien, D. W. P., John Carroll, not served, gone away, Denis J. Nolan, withdrawn duty and costs paid, Michael Sheehan, withdrawn duty and costs paid, John B. Roche, withdrawn duty and costs paid, J. E. Dormer, not served, duty paid, Frances Barrington, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, Godfrey L. Taylor, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, Michael J. Griffin, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 1/-, Richard Whitney, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 1/-, Samuel Allen, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 1/-, Rev J. Ashton, withdrawn, defendant not the owner, E. C. Campbell, not served, defendant having gone away, William Barber, not served, defendant having gone away, Moses Kehoe, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, J. Bagenal Boyd, withdrawn duty and costs paid, Patrick Kinsella, fined £20, reduced to £2. 10/-, William J MacDonald, withdrawn, duty paid, J. O'Regan, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 10/- and 10/- costs, Cherry Bros, withdrawn, wrong owner, R. H. Peare, withdrawn duty and costs paid, M. J. Treacy, not served, Martin Carty, adjourned for fourteen days, T. Kelly, fined £20 and costs of Court, recommended to reduce, Sergt Torsney, withdrawn, duty paid, . The following have been also prosecuted but cases have not yet been dealt with:- Patrick Bernie, Juliet M. Lavie, J. B. Keogh, John J. O'Brien, R. Roche, Arthur Bayce, Frederick Hughes.

Under date 24th July, 1914, Dr W. F. Browne, Solicitor, wrote, explaining the circumstances under which Dr O'Regan had not paid his motor duty, and stating that the Magistrates, who had heard the case, had recommended the Co. Council to reduce the fine of £20 in each of the two cases against Dr O'Regan, to 10/- in each case, with 10/- costs in each case.

Dr P. Kinsella, Monamolin, Gorey, wrote relative to the fine imposed on him for a breach of Motor Car Act, that he was under the impression when he paid the duty there would not have been any proceedings taken against him at petty sessions.

Proposed by Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and adopted:-

"That in the cases of penalties upon owners of motor vehicles and in all prosecutions pending at present for non-payment of Motor duty, as reported

by Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, we agree to a reduction of the fine in each case to 1/—, provided the defendants pay all costs agreed to, and Motor Duty for which they are liable, except in the case of Dr T. J. Kelly, Enniscorthy. In the latter case we call upon Dr Kelly to publicly retract his statement that he lodged the necessary forms in June, whereas the Postmaster Enniscorthy, states that the forms were not handed into the Post Office until the 20th July. That the further consideration of any reduction in the fine imposed on Dr Kelly be postponed to next meeting of the County Council.

That as we consider the publicity which has been given by the cases brought up to the present by the Council is quite sufficient notice to all owners of motor vehicles as to their liabilities under the Motor Car Act, we will decline in future unless in very exceptional circumstances to make any reduction of the fine.

That the Solicitor be instructed to proceed in future against all motorists who have not paid their duty by the first of February in each year.

That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to withdraw the case against Capt Bryan, provided he pay duty and costs previous to the date of hearing of summonses which have been issued against him."

Damage to Motor Cars.

The Secretary called the attention of the meeting to the case of John P. Small v Fermanagh County Council, in which a decree for £5 and costs, had been given against the County Council in the County Court for injury to Plaintiff's motor car by the defendants negligently spreading a quantity of unrolled stones on a public road and which were so spread as to be a nuisance and which injured the tyres of the plaintiff's motor car.

The County Council had appealed to the Judge of Assize who had confirmed the finding of the County Court.

A claim of a similar nature for £7. 11. 0 had been made by Mr M. J. Stephenson, Merchant, Adamstown, Co. Wexford, against the Wexford County Council.

The Secretary stated that the damage was covered by the policy of Insurance effected by the County Council, and the Insurance Company were dealing with the matter.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Messrs Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, and Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, applied for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, the Constabulary offering no objection.

applied for renewal of their licences, A similar application was received from Mr G. Stafford, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the licences were granted."

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 14th July 1914, Dr E. A. Gibbon, Sledagh, wrote that a meeting of the Local Committee of the National Life Boat Institution at Kilmore Quay on 9th July, a resolution was adopted asking the County Council to favourably consider the request of the fishermen of Kilmore Quay to have a light placed at the end of the pier to guide boats returning to the harbour at night.

This matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr Gibbon be requested to communicate with the Irish Lights Board and ask them if they can see their way to comply with the request of the fishermen of Kilmore Quay, to have a light placed at the end of Kilmore Pier."

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

Damp Proof Course.-Deeps Bridge.

Under date 7th July 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 34406-1914, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the variation of the specification of the roadways of this bridge as regards damp proof course in the manner set out in the letter of the Consulting Engineers dated 15th June.

A resolution asking the Local Government Board to agree to this course was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 24th June.

Marked "Read"

Co. Surveyor's Application for Fees for Road Board Work.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee held on the 27th May 1914, the County Surveyor reported:-

"In connection with Road Board work, the Board has sanctioned payment out of the grant of fees to the Surveyors at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the County Surveyor and $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the Assistant Surveyors, and when such work has been carried out in other Counties, the County Council have usually approved of this, and payment has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

Mr Peacocke proposed:- "That the application of the County Surveyor be not acceded to."

Mr Keating seconded.

Mr Rice proposed:- "That consideration of the matter be referred to the meeting of the 11th June."

Mr Lynch seconded.

A Show of hands was taken with the following result, that 12 voted for the amendment and five against.

Mr Peacocke demanded a poll.

The following was the result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Rice, Whelan, M. Codd, Lynch, Lord Stopford, Kehoe, Redmond, Scallan, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, and the Chairman.-12.

Against:- Messrs Kinsella, Cowman, J. Codd, Keating, Peacocke, and Mayler.-6.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

it was then put as the substantive motion and adopted nem con.

District Councillors as Sureties for Road Contractors.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on the 24th June 1914, recommended that Mr John Larkin, Sallystown, District Councillor, (Wexford District) should be released from his suretyship for James Doran, Road Contractor, Forth Commons, and that Mr Philip Cowman, Main Street, Wexford, be accepted as surety vice Mr Larkin, also, that Mr Myles Webb, Main Street, Gorey, District Councillor, (Gorey District) be released from his suretyship for Mr Denis Murphy, Road Contractor, Gorey, and that Mrs Josephine D. Warren, Gorey, be accepted as surety for Mr Murphy vice Mr Webb.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved."

Application from Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 13th July 1914, the following application was received from Mr Gerald Flood, Castleboro, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to apply for the annual increment to my salary of £5 in accordance with the terms of my appointment. I was twelve months working for the County Council in May 1914, so I trust the Council will be good enough to let the increase begin from that date.

Under date 29th June 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 24819-1914 Wexford County) approving of the permanent appointment of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor.

The following recommendation from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th July was read:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow Mr Flood, the increment in his salary provided for under the terms of his appointment."

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

"That we agree to increment of £5 to the salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Road Board Grants.

Under date 3rd July, 1914, the Secretary to the Road Board, wrote that in view of the facts set out in the letter of the County Secretary of 1st July the Board were prepared to increase the grant of £5024 by the sum of £452 to enable the County Council to obtain a loan for the County Council portion of the cost of the work of road improvement, free of interest.

The proposals for works concerned under grant were originally to have been carried out by a grant from the Road Board and by loan obtained on behalf of the County Council from the Road Board, free of interest. The Road Board declined to give the loan free of interest but offered to add £400 to their own grant to cover the interest.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting on the 24th June had adopted the following resolution:-

"That we agree to the proposal of the Road Board provided they agree to increase the grant given by them so as to cover the full amount which will accrue for interest on loan at 3% per annum, for five years, and that no objection be made to this course by the Local Government Board."

Under date 16th July 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No.35661? 1914, Wexford County) sanctioning the loans of £3625 and £750 for the purpose of steamrolling roads in Enniscorthy and New Ross Rural Districts,.

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

University Scholarships.

Under date 4th July 1914, the following report was read from Professor A. W. Conway, Registrar, University College, Dublin:-

"I beg to submit herewith a report on the Wexford County Council scholars for session 1913-14.:-

Maurice Kinsella, Passed First Arts with Honours.

John Connolly, Passed First Arts with Honours.

Elizabeth Bookey, Passed First Arts with Honours.

Mary J Byrne, 2nd year College Examination with Honours.

George E. Duggan, Passed 2nd year examination.

Margaret Furlong, ditto

Mary McGrath, Presenting herself for B. A. Honours in Autumn.

Mary Furlong, ditto.

James Power, B. E. degree Examination in the Autumn.

James Ryan, 2nd Medical " " "

Philomena Ryan, 2nd year Science.

Thomas C. Hassett, Passed 2nd year Professional Examination in Engineering.

Miss Mary H. McGrath, one of the Council's University Scholars, wrote applying for the extension of her scholarship for the fourth year to enable her to obtain the Diploma in Teaching from University College, Dublin.

A similar application was received from Miss Mary G. Furlong.

Mr Thomas Hassett, applied for an increase in his bursary of £25 to enable him to pay increase in fees for next year.

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

"That all questions arising out of University Scholarships of the Council be adjourned to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 20th inst., with instructions to report to the special Meeting of the Council to be held on same day."

New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 7th July 1914, an application was read from the Courtkeeper, New Ross, for allowance for papering and painting his apartments in the Courthouse and for providing a new top for kitchen range.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July, and referred to the County Surveyor for report.

"Adjourned to Meeting of 20th inst."

Duncannon Harbour.

Walter Breen, Caretaker, Duncannon, wrote, applying for remuneration at the rate of £2 per annum for attending to extra lamp at Duncannon harbour.

The matter was before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July, when the application was refused.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Ballingly Quarry.

Under date 20th July 1914, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council, wrote asking that a pay Order should be passed for £10. 16. 6d for Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, costs of the lease of right of way to Ballingly Quarry.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following

resolution was adopted- That a sum of £10. 16. 6d be paid MESSRS Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, costs of preparation of lease in connection with right of way to Ballingly Quarry."

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 28th July 1914, the following letter was read from the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that of the eleven Inspectors appointed to enforce the Food & Drugs Acts in this County, only two of them are provided with hand bags or other receptacles in which to carry samples. In the circumstances, I shall thank you for an order directing that nine hand bags be purchased at a cost not exceeding 12/6 each."

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

"That the letter of the County Inspector, R. I. C., as to provision of handbags for Ex-officio Inspectors of Weights & Measures be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to advise as to the liability of the County Council in the matter."

Arms Proclamation.

Resolutions were read from Limerick Corporation and Edenderry Board of Guardians protesting against the continuance of the Arms Proclamation in Ireland and demanding its immediate withdrawal.

"The resolutions of Limerick Corporation & Edenderry Board of Guardians were adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Importation of Hay & Straw.

The following resolution was read from the Wicklow County Council:-

"That this Council protests against the revocation of the Order prohibiting the importation of Hay & Straw into this country from Great Britain, and we strongly urge that suitable measures should be adopted to prevent the importation of Hay and Straw, either when used as packing, or in any other form, as we believe the Foot & Mouth Disease has been introduced into this country by this means.

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and Passed:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment for matters other than public works and for transfers to public bodies, etc., as agreed to by the Finance &

Roads Committee, and the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for new works and repairs to existing works as agreed to by the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Transfer to Tuberculosis Committee.

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

"That a sum of £300 be transferred to the Tuberculosis Committee."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 24th June 1914, were read:-

"That Motor and Steam Traffic over Wexford Bridge be limited to a rate not exceeding ten miles per hour."

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

"That we disagree with recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in this matter. That we instruct Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take the necessary steps to procure a by-law on behalf of this Council limiting all Motor and Steam traffic over all the County Bridges to ten miles per hour."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend to the specific complaints re New Ross and Wexford Road made by Dr Hearn, Solicitor."

"That we agree to the applications received for revision of valuation being sent forward to the Commissioner of Valuation for consideration, except as regards the application received from the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co.,

That as the Secretary to the D. & S. E. Rly Co., has not complied with Article 1 of the Annual Revision Procedure (Instructions under the Valuation (Ireland) Acts) we decline to consider his letter of application, as we are unable to determine from it the situation and description of the premises in respect of which the revision is asked for."

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

"Refusing an application of Mr Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector for a refund of rates for 11/8¹/₂ in the case of Eliza Kinsella, at present a servant in Boolavogue Post Office."

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

"Agreeing to the Courtown Harbour Master being allowed the amount paid by

him for the salvage of discharging boat at Coubtown, on 30th April last."

"Directing the Secretary to communicate with Rate Collectors who had not collected at least five per cent of the first moiety of their collection, and to express to them the dissatisfaction of the Committee."

"Agreeing to the issue of duplicate Pay Order of £20 to Thomas Lee, Rosbercon, New Ross, for Order lost in course of post."

"Agreeing to three days' leave of absence to Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor."

"Granting permission for erection of hut by Mr James Redmond, 31 Main St., Grey, at Courtown Harbour, at a rent of 1/- per annum provided he entered into an agreement (to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council) to surrender his tenancy and remove the structure on demand."

"Granting permission to Road Contractors Michael Cullen, The Crush, Ballaghkeen, James Brien, Glenteigue, and John Cowman, Rensard, to have road material broken by stonebreaker at the side of the roads, but requesting the County Surveyor for the future to endeavour to avoid having stones broken at the sides of the roads by the stonebreaker."

"Declining to consider an application by Mr Mark D. Roche, Garrylough, for a sum of £50 for right-of-way to Garrylough Quarry, and empowering Mr Elgee, and Mr Barry to make Mr Roche an offer of a smaller amount."

"Attaching the Seal of the County Council to agreements entered into by the Co. Council to enable road metalling to be procured from quarries on the lands of Patrick Murphy, Edenvale, and Edward Doyle of Ballyellis."

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

From Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th July.

Resolutions as follows:-

"That we express our deep sympathy with the relatives of those who were killed and wounded by the King's Own Scottish Borderers Regiment, and we call on the Government to institute a searching investigation into all the circumstances connected with the regrettable loss of life and the wounding of Dublin Citizens, and to bring to judgment and seriously punish those responsible for the dastardly outrage committed by soldiers on the Dublin Quays.

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr J. E. Redmond, M. P., and the Parliamentary Representatives of the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

"That the County Surveyor lay out sections of roads for inspections by the Assistant Surveyors, and that he require the Assistant Surveyors to make monthly inspections of all leading roads of their districts and to make eight inspections of the other roads per annum. That the form of diary suggested by the County Surveyor for the Assistant Surveyors be approved.

That the County Surveyor be requested to submit further information to the next meeting of the Co Council on 5th August as to the best manner in which to carry out the above resolution."

"Adjourned to special meeting of the Council on 20th inst."

"Referring the question of adjustment of weighbridge at Tara Hill Quarry to County Surveyor."

"Approving of the arrangements entered into by the County Surveyor with Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, as to working of Killabeg Quarry."

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to endeavour to obtain Magistrates' Order to enter the quarry at Fominearly, on the lands of Mr Jeffares in all cases of roads which he proposed should be maintained from this Quarry."

"Approving of repairs being carried out at Kilmore Harbour."

"Accepting offer of Automobile Association to provide direction posts for roads."

"Approving of construction of roadway at Deeps Bridge being carried out directly by the County Surveyor under the supervision of Mr Jennings, Resident Engineer."

"Approving of report of Messrs Delap & Waller re hair cracks on east approach to the Deeps Bridge."

"Directing Mr Barry, County Surveyor, to communicate with Mr Pimm, late Engineer to Ferrycarrig Bridge, and ask him for an explanation as to why some of the piles at Ferrycarrig Bridge did not take a proper set."

"Deciding that no change should be made in the procedure as to opening of New Ross Bridge on New Ross fair days which has obtained to the present."

Resolution as follows:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a further inspection of Poulduff Pier and report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"Leaving the matter of taking gravel from the river Slaney in the hands of the County Surveyor."

"Approving of the suggestion of the County Surveyor as regards the planking of Edermine Bridge."

"Agreeing to holidays for officers of the County Council,."

"Appointing a Committee to inspect and report as to condition of road from Kilrane to Ballygeary Railway Station."

"Directing the County Surveyor to inspect and report as to Neemstown Gap, Kilmere."

"Referring to the County Surveyor report by Mr Keating, Co Councillor, as to the manner in which footpath at Farnogue was blocked by stones placed on it by contractor and to the necessity for providing a light there at night."

Resolution as follows:-

"That Mr Taylor V. S., be directed to proceed with the slaughter of cow of Mr Edward Galavan, Ballywilliam, suffering from Tuberculosis of the udder."

"Agreeing to payment of election expenses for County & Rural District Councillors with certain deductions, as set out on minutes of Finance and Roads Committee."

"Directing the Secretary to communicate with Rate Collectors who had not collected 25% of the first moiety of rate, and to inform them that they must push forward their collections with more energy."

"Agreeing to payment of Irrecoverable Rates on the late Collector Lennon."

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

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 13th day of November 1914.

SPECIAL MEETING.-21st AUGUST 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st August 1914.

Present:- Mr J. Bolger, (Chairman) Presiding.

Other Members:- Lord Stopford, Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., Messrs L. Barry, M. Cloney, James Codd, M. Codd, N. J. Cowman, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, J. S. Hearn, M. Hickey, J. J. Kehoe, J. T. Mayler, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford.

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

Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Kehoe, Flood, Paddle, and Jones, were also in attendance.

The Late Pope Pius X.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted in silence, standing orders having first been suspended:-

"That we, the County Council of Wexford County, have learned with profound regret of the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius X. That we desire most respectfully to place on record our high appreciation of his great services in the cause of Religion and Humanity during the ten years in which he guided the destinies of the Catholic Church, of the beauty of his character, and of the nobility of his life,. That we desire especially to record our gratitude for his constant sympathy with Ireland, and his unfailing interest in her welfare.

That we join with Catholics throughout the world in sorrowing tribute to the memory of Pius the Good.

And that a copy of this resolution, sealed with the seal of this Council, be transmitted by our Secretary to His Eminence Cardinal Merry Del Val, the Vatican, Rome."

Conservation of Food Supplies during the War.

The Chairman brought before the meeting the discussion which had taken place at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture on the previous day, and at which he, Mr Peacocke, and Sir Thomas Esmonde attended. He strongly recommended farmers to sow five acres of wheat for the following year in cases in which they had been accustomed to sow only one acre. It would be a great matter, if the War lasted, to have an increase of 400 per cent in their wheat crop in

Wexford County to tide them over any shortage in feed, and this could be done without any inconvenience to any farmer in a tillage County like Wexford.

Roads in Charge of County Surveyor.

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

"That the County Surveyor give a return of the roads in his charge, the amount of material arranged to be put on them, and the amount of material stated in the first specification in the first instance, what these roads cost under contract, the amount of material put on them when in contract, and the amount of money paid at present and when under contract, with a view to having a change made in the present method of supervising the roads."

Mr Stafford seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr Hearn then dealt with the various statistics arising out of his notice of motion.

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded the following:-

"That a list of the quarries acquired by the County Council be submitted to the four Rural District Councils of the County, in order to elicit their views as to the advisability of contractors obtaining material from this certified quarries and from such other quarries as may be purchased by the County Council."

This motion was subsequently withdrawn.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the following resolution was adopted, on the withdrawal of the motion of Mr Peacocke, and Mr Cowman:-

"That a Committee composed of three members of the County Council with one representative of each of the four Rural District Councils of the County, be appointed to consider the question of the roads in charge of the County Surveyor and report to the County Council what, in their opinion, are the best steps to take to deal with the matter"

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the Chairman, Mr Hearn, and Mr Rice were appointed as the representatives of the county Council on the Committee."

Ryland Wood Quarry.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st August, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the offer of Mr R. W. Hall-Dare, Newtownbarry, to allow stones to be taken from Ryland Wood Quarry for road material at a cost of 5d per cubic yard be accepted.

That the draft agreement prepared by Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be

referred to Mr Elgee for approval.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Haggard Quarry.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 21st August the following was adopted:-

"That the seal of the Council be attached to the agreement for lease of Haggard Quarry, owned by Miss Elizabeth Howlett, Monachee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Ferry carrig Bridge Contract.

Under date 18th August 1914, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"As you are aware there is a balance (undisputed) due to Mr Colhoun, on foot of his contract for the building of this bridge of £1210. 7. 11d and there is a further sum of £153. 13. 3d that he alleges to be due to him for some extra work, etc., the settlement of which latter sum was referred to the County Surveyor and myself.

We went fully into the matter with him and arranged what was to be allowed, except with regard to a sum of £34 odd, half costs of alterations in the Bascule, which we considered he should pay, but which at the same time we were disposed to allow him if by so doing it would entirely dispose of all questions between Mr Colhoun and the Council, and accordingly on the 3rd March last I wrote to him to know would that be so, and he replied that it would not, and that he would still adhere to his large claim (over £2000) for delays etc., etc., and this being so, a settlement was not come to and things lay over.

Mr Colhoun however has now written to the County Surveyor, stating that he will agree to the terms stated in my letter to him of the 3rd March, and forego all his other claims, and we recommend the Council to let us close with him on those terms."

The following recommendation, adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st August, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That the matter of dealing with the claim of Mr Colhoun be left in the hands of the Co Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, for settlement in conformity with Mr Colhoun's letter of 6th August to the Co. Surveyor, and subject to the amounts mentioned therein, totalling £1364 : 1. 8d being accepted by Mr Colhoun as a full and complete settlement of his claim."

Deeps Bridge Contract.

The British Reinforced Concrete Co., applied, under date 15th August 1914, to the County Surveyor to arrange for the payment to them of the greater part of the retention money on the work of the erection of the Deeps Bridge for which they were contractors.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee was laid before the Meeting:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay to the British Reinforced Concrete Co., a sum of £250 on account of contract at Deeps Bridge"

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

Assistant Surveyors' Districts.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July, 1914, was read:-

"That the County Surveyor lay out sections of roads for inspections by the Assistant Surveyors, and that he require the Assistant Surveyors to make monthly inspections of all leading roads in their districts, and to make eight inspections of the other roads per annum. That the form of diary suggested by the County Surveyor for the Assistant Surveyors be approved."

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

Road Contractor's Application.

Patrick Conboy, Moorfields, Wexford, wrote:-

"I have permission to use a quarry which lies immediately alongside the County Council quarry.

There is an old road or carway through County Council quarry I propose to use. If you grant me permission to use this carway, I shall be grateful, or if you cannot see your way personally to grant its use, may I request you to bring the matter before the Co Council Committee.

This carway was used till quite recently for conveying material to the public roads and is not in anyway contagious to where the County Council is at present quarrying or likely to quarry."

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee the application was agreed to, and, on the motion of the Chairman, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted."

Application of County Surveyor for Motor Car.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Barry, Co Surveyor,

wrote as follows:-

"At your meeting on 29th ult., I stated that I proposed making an application regarding travelling expenses to the County Council at the meeting to be held on the 5th inst., but as there was a special meeting fixed for the 21st inst., to consider generally the roads question I deferred putting in the formal application. I now beg to apply that the County Council provide a Motor car for the use of the County Surveyor, or as an alternative that an increase of salary be granted to enable the County Surveyor to purchase and pay the expenses of a Motor Car for use on road inspection."

The following recommendation, which was carried on a poll at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, was read:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor as to provision of motor Car be referred to the County Council."

Mr Hearn proposed--

"That the matter be adjourned until the report of Special Committee appointed to consider the question of the roads in the hands of the County Surveyor be received and dealt with."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Peacecke proposed, and Mr Doyle seconded:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor for motor car or for an allowance to run same be refused.."

After a discussion the County Surveyor agreed to withdraw his application

Co. Surveyor's Application for Fees for Road Board Work.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 27th May 1914, the County Surveyor reported:-

"In connection with Road Board work, the Board has sanctioned payment out of the grant of fees to the surveyors at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the County Surveyor, and $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ to the Assistant Surveyors, and when such work has been carried out in other Counties, the County Council have usually approved of this, and payment has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board."

The County Surveyor stated that he had ascertained since making his application that the amount usually granted to Assistant Surveyors for this work was one per cent.

Mr Stafford proposed, and Mr Cloney seconded, the following resolution--

"That the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors be allowed $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on £5000 amount of grant promised by the Road Board for improvement works on roads."

As an amendment, Mr Peacecke proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded the

following:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor as to Head Board fees be refused."

It was decided to take a vote "for or against" the granting of the fees to the Surveyors.

The following was the result:-

For granting of fees:- Sir Thomas Esmonde, Messrs Rice, Stafford, Hearn, Cloney, Kehoe, Doyle, Hickey, Lord Stopford, and the Chairman.- 10.

Against granting the fees:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, M. Doyle, M. Codd, C. H. Peacecke, J. Codd, Mayler, and Scallan.- 8.

The Chairman declared the motion in favour of granting the fees carried.

Salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 19th August, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 42027-1914, Wexford County), that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to increase the salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor, by £5 a year.

Marked "Read".

Auditor's Report-Co Council Accounts.

Under date 14th August, 1914, the Local Government Board, (letter No. 43029-14, Wexford County) wrote, forwarding the following copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 31st March 1914, with abstracts:-

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

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

Marked "Read"

Sealed Order- Pump at Ramsgrange.

Under date 10th August 1914, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of sealed order, No. 40727-1914, determining that the whole of the Rural District of New Ross should be the area of charge for the purposes of erecting and maintaining pump at Ramsgrange.

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 6th August 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No.

30676-1914, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of Meter Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1914, in Ireland. The amount levied in Wexford County was £399. 17. 0d.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 11th August 1914, the following letter No. 3262-14, was read from the Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, intimating that your Council had adopted the recommendation of their Finance & Roads Committee on the subject of the rates of remuneration payable to your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors for duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, I have to state that before proceeding to further consideration of the question of sanctioning the proposal now before them, the Department desire to have a reply to the enquiry in their letter of 4th instant, as to the reasons which influenced the Committee in recommending adherence for a further period to rates of remuneration which, as stated in a previous communication, appear to the Department to be no longer properly applicable."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That the Department be informed that the County Council, having gone very fully into all the circumstances connected with the administration of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, considered it much more satisfactory to agree with the Veterinary Inspectors for payment of remuneration by salaries instead of fees. Speaking from experience, the Council consider it most objectionable to fix rate of remuneration of any officer by fees plus travelling expenses. The Veterinary Inspectors have accepted the proposal of the Co. Council, and we consider the Department should agree to it as the matter will be further considered at the December meeting of the Council."

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 8th August 1914, the following letter, No. 4134-1914, F. B., was read from the Department:-

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford Co. Council held on the 5th inst., and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Council, that the consent of the Board of Trade, necessary for the resumption of the work of improving the landing accommodation at Ballyhack, was received on 30th

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ultime,. Since then no suitable fereman has been available, but one will be disengaged in the course of next week, and the work will be put in hands forthwith."

Marked "Read".

Destructive Insects & Pests Acts.

Under date 10th August, 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. A.11740-14), transmitting a copy of an Order made by them under the Destructive Insects & Pests Acts, 1877 & 1907, for preventing the spreading in Ireland of American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite. When the disease known as Gooseberry Mildew was first dealt with, the Department, as an experiment, agreed to the spraying and pruning of diseased bushes, but they are now of opinion that the only effective method of preventing the spread of the disease is to have the bushes destroyed.

Similarly, the destruction of infected bushes has also been found to be the only satisfactory means of dealing with Black Currant Mite. Applications for compensation have been recently received from fruit growers whose bushes or fruit have had to be destroyed and the Acts provide for the payment of compensation out of the local rate. The Department are advised that these payments are to be borne on the general county rates, and not on the special rate struck for the purposes of the Agriculture & Technical instruction Acts, 1899. An Order directing payment of compensation cannot be made without the consent of the County Council as Local Authority, and if the Wexford County Council are willing that an order of this nature should be made by the Department, it was suggested that a resolution to this effect should be adopted by the County Council, and that a Sealed copy of same should be forwarded to the Department.

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

"That the Wexford County Council cannot see their way to consent to any order being made for compensation under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts 1877 to 1907."

University Scholarships.

Miss M. G. Furlong, Templesooby, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for an extension of her scholarship for a fourth year, pointing out that, as a final preparation for the profession of teaching which she hoped to take up, a post graduate course of one year at the University in the Theory and Practice of Education would be of the greatest value.

Miss Mary H. McGrath, Gorey, made a similar application and stated that

she had no means which would enable her to attend a further year's lectures in the University.

Mr Thomas C. Hassett, Fairy Hill House, Castlebridge, wrote, applying for an increase in his bursary of £25, as he stated the fees for his next year's University course had been raised.

A letter was read from the Secretary of University College, Dublin, that the fees for third-year Engineering would be £15 as heretofore. There was a change in the College fee payable by all students of the College which will be £1 instead of 10/-.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee consider that, in view of the provisions of the scheme of University Scholarships, they are not in a position to recommend the County Council to accede to the applications of Miss Furlong, Miss McGrath, and Mr T. C. Hassett."

Garrylough Quarry.

Under date 18th August 1914, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote, forwarding a letter from Mr Mark D. Roche, relative to payment of compensation for right of way to Garrylough Quarry. Mr Elgee pointed out that Mr Roche had first asked £50, then £40, and now £30. He (Mr Elgee) informed Mr Roche in June last that if he agreed to take £20 he might induce the County Council to give it. The Council might consider the advisability of giving £25 to settle the matter.

The Finance & Roads Committee at the meeting of 21st August had made the following recommendation which was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That a sum of £25 be offered to Mr Mark D. Roche, for right of way to Garrylough Quarry. That should Mr Roche refuse this amount, Mr Elgee be empowered to offer a sum not exceeding £30."

Volunteers and Taghmen.

Under date 18th August 1914, Mr M. P. O'Ryan, Captain Taghmen Volunteers, wrote, asking permission to have the exclusive use of the Square at Taghmen, known as "Herse Fair Green" on two evenings of the week for drilling purposes.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the requisite permission being given in the Council approved.

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by the Chairman, the application of Mr O'Ryan was acceded to."

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 14th August, 1914, Mr M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote asking that the County Council reconsider the following application relative to improvement of footpath New Ross Bridge, and which had been refused by the Council:-

"That the County Council be asked to construct a concrete footpath on New Ross Bridge, instead of the asphalt one already asked for, at an estimated cost of £135, for both sides of the bridge, and in accordance with the following specification, viz:-

Concrete to be laid to inner edge of existing iron kerb, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.

A core 3" thick laid 4--1. Finishing coat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick 2- 1".

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That the matter be referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for report in writing, to next meeting."

Hand Bags for Ex-Officio Inspectors under Weights & Measures Acts.

Under date 14th August 1914, the following letter was read from Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with Copy Resolution from the County Council referring the letter of the County Inspector, R. I. C., as to the provision of Hand Bags for Ex-Officio Inspectors of Weights & Measures to me to advise as to the liability of the County Council to provide such bags.

I have looked into the matter, and, having regard to clause 6 of the regulations made by the Board of Trade in August 1907, pursuant to the Weights & Measures Act 1904, I am of opinion that the County Council should comply with the request of the County Inspector and provide the requisite Bags.

Clause 6 to which I refer reads as follows:- "The Inspector shall be provided with working standards, scale-beams, and balances for testing weights, adequate instrumental equipment and travelling kit for inspection of such material and form as may from time to time be approved by the Board of Trade."

Then Section 80 of the Weights & Measures Act 1878, provides that the expenses incurred by any member of the R. I. C., as an Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures in the execution of the Act shall be paid to such Inspector by the Local Authority of the District (in the present instance the County Council) on presentation of accounts of such expenses certified to be correct by the County Inspector.

It seems to me therefore that the words-travelling kit for Inspectors-

in Clause 6 of the Regulations would include Hand Bags, and that the County Council, as the Local Authority, would have to pay the Account for same, when presented certified by the County Inspector."

On the motion of Lord Stepferd, seconded by Mr Cleney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the opinion expressed by our Solicitor (Mr Elgee) we agree to the County Inspector, R. I. C., purchasing a hand bag, cost not exceeding 12/6 for each of the nine ex-officio Inspectors under Weights & Measures Acts."

Caretaking of New Ross Bridge.

A letter was read from Mr Lee, Caretaker of New Ross Bridge, as to payments to which he considered he was entitled in connection with repairs to this Bridge.

"The Finance & Roads Committee had decided, at their meeting on the 21st August, that the matter should be referred to the County Surveyor for report in writing, and the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Beat Dues at Courtown Harbour.

Arrears of Beat dues at Courtown Harbour, amounting to £25. 11. 10d was brought before the Meeting.

Lord Stepferd, who had gone through the list with the Harbour Master at Courtown, explained the circumstances of each individual beat-owner from whom dues were owing.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee at meeting of 21st August was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cleney:-

"That Lord Stepferd be requested to submit to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, the names of these beat-owners against whom he considers prosecutions should be taken for the payment of beat dues."

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

"That the Harbour Master at Courtown be instructed to use his best exertions to collect the beat dues at this harbour."

Conservation of Food Supplies.

The following resolution was received for adoption from Limerick Corporation:-

"That in view of the present serious state of affairs on the Continent, we regard it of the utmost importance that immediate steps should be taken towards the conservation of Food Supplies for Ireland, and we call on all Public Bodies to take concerted action for that purpose.

That we ask the Government to immediately bring in a Bill to control the sale and prices of all food stuffs, household necessities, coal etc., so that no excessive prices can be charged."

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

Irish Volunteer.

Under date 14th August, 1914, an application was read on behalf of the newspaper "The Irish Volunteer" asking for a share of the advertisements of the County Council.

"No Order."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals of the Proposal Committee in respect of which no tenders were received at the meeting of the Proposal Committee on this date be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

13th August 1914.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30 June 1914.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	39
Milk	39
Buttermilk	12
Cheese	8
Whiskey	7
Margarine	7
Port Wine	3
Tea	1

Article	Number
Gin	1
Brandy	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>118</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs, one specimen of tea and one of port wine were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

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

One specimen of water analysed for the New Ross Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter,	16.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	2.120
Chlorine	2.690
Colour	colourless.

A good water.

For the Co. Committee of Agriculture two fertilizers were analysed.

For Mr John Belger, Ferns, one specimen of fertilizer was analysed.

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

In the original report on the water above referred to full details, chemical and microscopical were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses.....169.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

(Signed)

John Belger

Presiding Chairman.