

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 4th AUGUST 1915.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th August 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, N. J. Cowman, James Codd, Whelan, Mark Codd, J. J. Stafford, Lynch, Cloney, Kehoe, Redmond, James A. Doyle, Mayler, Lord Courtown, P. Keating, Michael Doyle.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the resolution of the County Council adopted on 16th June 1915, abandoning the University Scholarship Scheme as from 1916 be rescinded."

Mr Keating seconded.

"Passed unanimously"

Resolutions protesting against the action of the County Council in abandoning the University Scholarship Scheme, were received from:-

Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford Rural District Councils, the Boards of Guardians of New Ross and Wexford, Wexford Corporation, Enniscorthy and New Ross Urban District Councils, Executive Council of Irish National Trade & Labour Benefit Society, and St Patrick's Club, Wexford.

Under date 10th July 1915, the following was read from Dr Joseph McGrath, Registrar, National University:-

"The Senate regrets to learn that the Wexford County Council has decided to discontinue in the year 1915 the grant for Scholarships under the University Scholarship Scheme, and desires to express the opinion that such action is likely to exercise detrimental influence on education in the County.

The system of Scholarships endowed from public funds is now well established in the modern Universities in England, and has been found, there and here, to work well.

It is all the more to be regretted that a Scheme so successfully adopted in County Wexford should now be withdrawn.

The Senate, therefore, earnestly hopes that the County Council will



re-consider its decision in this matter, and re-constitute the Scholarship Scheme."

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copy of Report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Rural District Council (letter No. 38124-1915) and of Gorey Union (letter No. 38123-1915) for half-year ended 31st March 1915, and of the Accounts of Waterford New Bridge Joint Committee, (letter No. 35367-1915 Waterford County Borough) for two half-years ended 30th September 1914, and 31st March 1915, . Attested Abstracts of Accounts were also forwarded in each case.

Marked "Read"

Estate Duty Grant.

Under date 22nd July 1915, the Local Government Board forwarded Order for £903. 5. 11d final instalment in respect of Estate or Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March last, on behalf of the four Boards of Guardians of the County.

Under date 22nd July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £817: 1: 8d, final instalment payable to the County Council as a Road Authority in respect of the Estate or Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March last.

Marked "Read".

Medical and Educational Grant.

Under date 27th July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £1035 : 3 : 6d advance on account of expenditure which might be incurred by the Boards of Guardians of the County for year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read".

Sanitary Salaries Grant.

Under date 27th July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £138 advance on account of amounts to be paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for year ending 30th September next.

Marked "Read".

Duty on Motor Vehicles.

Under date 23rd July the Local Government Board forwarded for the information of the Council, copy of certified statement showing the value of



the Motor Car Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March last, by each County and County Borough Council in Ireland.

The amount collected in Wexford for the period was £1449: 16: 6d, which was the seventh highest on the list.

Marked "Read"

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 28th July letter No. 65M. 1915, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board.

The letter pointed out that the samples taken up by the Ex-Officio Inspectors of Food & Drugs appeared to be limited to New Milk, buttermilk, whiskey, brandy, butter, cheese, and margarine, while samples of largely used foods and of drugs were rarely sent to the County Analyst. The total of samples of new milk dealt with has not been sufficiently large, and a far greater number of samples of this article should in future be taken.

The Board suggested that Inspectors should be directed to take samples of flour, bread, oatmeal, Indian meal, lard, dripping, vinegar, cocoa, coffee, sugar, cornflour, groundrice, and other usual items of food, and also to visit periodically the shops of Apothecaries, Chemists, and Medicine Vendors, with a view to taking samples of drugs, a list of which was set out. The Inspector was not limited in his choice to the drugs appearing on the list, but the list contained the names of important drugs in common use that were liable to be adulterated or to fail to satisfy the official standard of the current British Pharmacopoeia.

The Circular further directed attention to the necessity of making up the several portions of a sample and pointed out that Inspectors should receive orders to proceed actively with the discharge of their work and to distribute the duties with method throughout the quarterly periods and it should be impressed upon them that their best efforts are necessary at the present juncture when prices are high, to safeguard the purity of the food stuffs and medicines sold to the public."

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board regarding the administration of the Food and Drugs Act, be forwarded to the County Inspector R. I. C., for his observations."

Explosives Act.

Applications were received from the County Surveyor for store licences



under the Explosives Act 1875, for the following quarries:-

Ballingly, Ballyconnick, Kerlogue, Ballyboggan, (Bishops) Ballybrennan, Clonhaston, Ballyregan (Ferns) Tara Hill, Ryland Wood, Doran's Hill, and Carrigeen.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Whelan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Store Licences under Explosives Act 1875, be granted to William F. Barry, County Surveyor, Wexford, in respect of the following quarries owned by the County Council, viz:- Ballingly, Ballyconnick, Kerlogue, Ballyboggan (Bishop's) Ballybrennan, Clonhaston, Ballyregan (Ferns) Tara Hill, Ryland Wood, Doran's Hill, and Carrigeen, subject to the approval of the Constabulary Authorities."

#### Change of Security.

Under date 26th July 1915, Mr Pierce Redmond, Rate Collector, submitted the name of Mr Isaac Rath, Ballincash, Ferns, as one of his sureties vice Mr Patrick Crowley, deceased.

On the motion of Mr Lynch,

Seconded by Mr Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Isaac Rath, Ballincash, Ferns, be accepted as surety for Rate Collector Redmond, vice Mr Patrick Crowley, deceased."

#### Caretaker & Lamplighter-Duncannon Harbour.

There was no application for the position of lamplighter and caretaker.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to continue Christopher Lawler, as temporary lamplighter and caretaker at Duncannon Harbour, pending the permanent appointment."

#### Mr Gerald Flood- Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 5th July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 337 66 : 1915, Wexford Co.,) stating that they would raise no objection to the increase of the salary of Mr Gerald Flood by £5 to £90 a year, as from the 12th June 1915.

Marked "Read"

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Edward O'Connor, Hotel, Ferns, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.



The Constabulary reported that applicant was a suitable person to hold licence, and had proper arrangements for store, etc.,

Mr Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, and Mr Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, applied for renewal of licences under above Act.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch, the above applications were granted.

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

"That the County Inspector R. I. C., be requested to direct the Sergeants in charge of the various Police Stations to visit the premises in their districts in respect of which Licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 have been granted by the County Council, and ascertain if the Licensees are complying with the provisions of said Act."

#### Slaughter of Animals Order 1915.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded the Slaughter of Animals (Ireland) Order of 1915, restricting the slaughter of any animal visibly or obviously in calf or in pig, and calves under the age of twelve months except male calves of the following dairy breeds:- Channel Island, Ayrshire, and Kerry.

The Secretary mentioned that this matter had been considered by the Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction at their last meeting, and they recommended that the slaughter of calves (except male calves of dairy breeds) under 20 weeks old should be prohibited.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to agree to the recommendation of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to raise the age limit for prohibition of slaughter of calves (except those of dairy breeds) from 12 weeks to 20 weeks."

#### Tuberculosis Management Committee.

A resolution was received from the Tuberculosis Management Committee recommending the appointment of Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, as a member of the Committee vice Mr P. J. Fanning, resigned.

On the motion of Mr J. J. Kehoe, Seconded By Mr Peacocke, the following



resolution was adopted:-

"That Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, be appointed a Member of the Tuberculosis Management Committee, vice Mr P. J. Fanning, resigned."

The following resolution was also received from the Tuberculosis Management Committee:-

"That in view of Dr O'Connor's approaching marriage, he be granted four weeks leave of absence, and we hereby agree to pay his substitute-Dr Wm. P. Kelly, Enniscorthy- five guineas per week for the period. This action on the part of the Committee, is not to be taken as a precedent for the future."

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

**Membership of Co Committee of Agriculture  
and Technical Instruction.**

The Secretary reported that Messrs Edmond Doyle, Broadway, Lady's Island, and Myles Webb, Grey, had resigned Membership of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, while Mr Adam O'Neill, Lacken, New Ross, had not attended any meeting of the Committee since his appointment at the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 1914.

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

"That the Members of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be requested to recommend to next meeting of the Co. Council names of members for appointment to Committee vice members who have resigned or who have been disqualified for non-attendance."

**Deeps Bridge.**

Under date 24th June 1915, the British Re-inforced Concrete Engineering Co., Ltd., wrote that with further reference to the letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council of 18th June, as to liability for damaged piles at the bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge, they had now carefully considered the matter, and had decided to accept the Council's offer to pay £22, half cost of the repair of the damaged piles.

Marked "Read"

**Proposals for Payments.**

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman, and adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for payments submitted to this Meeting



from the Proposal Committee, and approved by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby agreed to for payment, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

### Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman, and adopted:-

"That the several proposals for Works, submitted to this Meeting by the Proposal Committee be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

### Confirmation of Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

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

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to communicate with the Assistant Surveyors, drawing their attention to the fact that they are "Whole time" officers of the Council, and must devote all their time to the work of the Council. That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be adjourned for three months to enable this Committee to ascertain how they perform their duties in the meantime."

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

Irrecoverable Rates-Claim of Mr J. F. Sullivan-- "That Mr P. Whelan, Co. Councillor for Newtownbarry Co.Division, be requested to examine the amended lists of irrecoverable rates submitted by Mr J. F. Sullivan, and report to the Council."

"That the consideration of amended claim for refund of irrecoverable rates from Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee, and that Mr P. Whelan, Co. Councillor, be requested to attend said meeting."

"That Mr J. F. Sullivan, be requested to inform the Committee if, according to the terms of statutory declaration made by him, he had posted to the offices of the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, full and correct lists of his irrecoverable rates, and if he had posted same adjacent to the places of public worship in his district, and the date when copies of lists were forwarded to the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, and posted adjacent to places of public worship in his collection district."

"That the Clerk of Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to inform the Wexford County Council, if he had received copies of lists of



Irrecoverable Rates from Mr J. F. Sullivan, and what observations had been made thereon by his Rural District Council."

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

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are not satisfied as to certain items in the claim for Irrecoverable Rates made by Collector Sullivan, and we must decline to pay same without further information."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Whelan, the following resolution was adopted--

"That Mr Sullivan and his Sureties be directed to proceed with the closing of the Rate Collection for the financial period ended 30th September 1915, . The Co Council are prepared to confirm the appointment of a suitable substitute nominated for this purpose by Mr Sullivan and his sureties. That the question of the consideration of Mr Sullivan's resignation be adjourned till the close of the Rate Collection for the period ending the 30th September 1915."

Ballyfadd Postman's Hut:- "That we agree to the erection of Postman's Shelter Hut on roadside adjoining Ballyfadd Post Office, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor."

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

Rate Collector Sullivan:- "That Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, be granted a week's leave of absence owing to illness."

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

Solicitor's Costs:- "In pursuance of the "Rules of Supreme Court of (Ireland) July 1903 Order 65 (B) the County Council of Wexford hereby request John F. Culhane Esq, one of the Taxing Masters of the said Court to tax the Miscellaneous Costs incurred by the late Richard W. Elgee, Solicitor to the said County Council in this matter from the 30th September 1914, to the 12th January 1915, and also the costs incurred by Richard W. Elgee, the present Solicitor to the said Council from the 12th January 1915, to 24th February 1915, as between Solicitor and Client, and the Council hereby undertakes to pay any balance which the said taxing Master may certify to be due by the Council on foot of the said costs, and admit that there are no credits on foot of said costs, and the Council hereby appoint Mr M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, and Dublin, to attend on the Council's behalf on said taxation, and the Council hereby consent that said Bill of Costs be certified."



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

Assistant Surveyors and Outside Work:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor inform the Assistant Surveyors that in the opinion of this Committee Assistant Surveyors cannot undertake any outside work, such as land valuing, etc., of which would entail their attendance at law Courts."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Lamplighter Duncannon Harbour:- "That Christopher Lawler, Duncannon, be appointed temporary lamplighter at Duncannon Harbour, at a salary to be calculated at the rate of £12 per annum, and that advertisement be issued for appointment of new lamplighter vice Walter Breen, resigned, on Wednesday 4th August at £12 per annum, terms and conditions of appointment to be as in the past."

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

Blacksmith Tara Hill Quarry:- "That we recommend the County Council to fix the wages of Patrick Byrne, Blacksmith Tara Hill Quarry, at 28/- per week, to date from 17th July 1915."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Lord Courtown."

County Wexford Infirmary:- "That the Management Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary be informed that the Co Council have transferred quarterly amount of their demand in April, and quarterly amount of their demand in May. At the August Meeting the County Council will transfer a further quarter's instalment, and at the meeting of the County Council in December a half-year's instalment-which will close off the year's demand to March 1916-will be paid. At that meeting the County Infirmary Committee will be exactly the same position as other public bodies of the County."

For financial year 1916 and for succeeding years so long as the resolution of the Co Council holds good, instalments will be paid as follows:-

At April Meeting the instalment to June.

At May Meeting the instalment to September.

At August Meeting the instalment to December, and

At December Meeting the instalment to following March.

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

"That our Secretary furnish the Local Government Board with a copy of the letter of the Registrar of the Management Committee of the Co Wexford Infirmary and request them for information as to whether as an act of grace, they can arrange to have the wishes of the Committee of the Co. Infirmary as regards the yearly Audit of their accounts carried out."



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

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with the question of appointment of Auditor for the Audit of the Accounts of the Management Committee of the Co. Wexford Infirmary."

Mountgarrett New Bridge:- "That the Local Government Board be requested to furnish the Wexford County Council with a reply to their resolution of 16th June 1915, asking the Local Government Board to allow the Wexford Co Council to raise a moiety of the cost of proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett by loan from their Treasurer the National Bank., Ltd., repayable in five years."

The following letter under date 31st July 1915, (No.40418/1915, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the County Council of Wexford adopted at their Meeting on the 21st ultimo, applying for sanction to a loan of £2425 being a moiety of the estimated cost of rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge, and in reference thereto I am to state that the Board must adhere to the view expressed in their letter of the 4th June last in the matter.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the Kilkenny County Council- the County having a somewhat smaller valuation than Wexford- have agreed to defray their moiety of the expenditure from revenue."

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Cloney,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the Local Government Board have declined to allow the wexford County Council to borrow from their Treasurer-the National Bank, Ltd- the sum of £2425 moiety of expenditure for which this Council is responsible for the re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, we agree to raise this amount out of revenue as in the case of Kilkenny County Council."

By-Laws Ferns Fowl Market:- "That the R. I. Constabulary be authorised to institute proceedings against William Reilly, Enniscorthy, Michael Mulhall, Burn Street, Carlow, and James Cullen, Enniscorthy, fowldealers for alleged breaches on 12th July 1915, of by-law of the Wexford County Council made in connection with the holding of fowl markets at Ferns."

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



Agricultural & Live Stock Schemes.

At the meeting of the County Council held on 16th June 1915, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be invited to consider the advisability in view of the manner in which the ratepayers have been affected by the enormous increase in the cost of foodstuffs and by the withdrawal of government grants in relief of local taxation to suspend until after the conclusion of the War all their Schemes!"

This resolution was considered very carefully by the Meeting of the Co. Committee of the 21st July.

It was decided that the only schemes which might be dropped with economy, were the schemes of Subsidies to Shows, for which £277 had been allocated, the Veterinary Dispensary Scheme, for which there was £400 allocated, and the Scheme of Agricultural Scholarships, for which £60 had been allocated.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That considering the great benefits which have been derived by the farmers of the County Wexford through the working of the Veterinary Dispensary Scheme, and more particularly in districts which are long distances from the County towns, we consider that the Department should do everything in their power to overcome any obstacle which prevents the inclusion of this important scheme in the County Schemes.

We are also of opinion that the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should re-instate the Scheme of Subsidies to Shows in the programme for next year."

Mr Mansfield, National Teacher.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, the Standing Orders were suspended to allow of a resolution relative to the case of Mr Mansfield, National Teacher, being moved.

Mr Peacocke then proposed:-

"That the Commissioners of National Education be requested to re-consider their decision as to dismissal of Mr E. Mansfield, National Teacher, County Tipperary, and in deference to the public opinion of the Country, reinstate Mr Mansfield in his position.

"The Chairman seconded the resolution which was passed Nem Con."



Preservation of Child Life.

Correspondence was read from the Women's National Health Association relative to the necessity for the introduction into Parliament of an agreed Measure for the purpose of making better provision for the preservation of child life.

"No Order".

Resolutions.

A resolution was received from Westmeath County Council, protesting against the action of the Dublin Corporation destroying competition for Public Contracts from Provincial Firms, when the lowest, and in limiting their Contracts to Dublin houses exclusively.

"No Order".

Alderman T. Kelly, Dublin, forwarded the following resolutions from Conference held in the Municipal Council Chamber, Dublin, on 20th July:-

"That we declare we will not have Conscription."

"That a National Committee be formed with full power to add to their number, to do all acts necessary to have the Country's voice heard on the resolution first adopted, the Committee to be composed of one delegate from each body represented at this Conference."

"No Order".

(Signed)

*John Bolger*

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5 day of

*Oct*

1915.