

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 5th AUGUST 1919.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th August 1919.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs J. Redmond, M. Codd, R. Scallan, Patrick Whelan, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, W. H. McGuire.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Application Increased Grant-Reformatory & Industrial Schools.

Under date 6th June 1919, the Chairman and Secretaries of the Irish Industrial and Reformatory Schools wrote applying for an increased capitation grant. They pointed out that in November last an intimation was given to the English Schools that the Treasury had come to the conclusion that an increase of 5/- per head, per week, over pre-war rates was necessary to enable the schools to meet their obligations. The Treasury agreed to provide 2/6 of this increase on condition that the Local Authorities contribute the other 2/6. When this came to the knowledge of the Irish Association they took steps to have a similar increase given to Irish Schools and they had received a Circular letter that the Treasury would increase their grant to 2/6 per head per week, on condition that the Local Authorities increase their contribution by an equivalent. If local authorities contributed an increase less than the 2/6 per head a corresponding reduction would be made in the grant.

The Irish Managers of Schools had used every effort possible to have the increase from the Treasury given unconditionally but they had not been successful, and they had therefore to appeal to the Council to have the increases already given brought up to 2/6 per head per week, to enable the Schools to claim the increase of 2/6 from the Treasury. The proposed increase of 66 per cent over pre-war rates is very low when it is remembered that the prices of all articles of food, clothing, and household utensils have been increased by over 100 per cent, and the Managers of the Schools in common with all other employers had been obliged to increase the wages of their staffs by an equivalent amount.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to grant a further increase of 1/6 per week in the Capitation Grant for the Wexford children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools, said increase to date as from 1st April 1919."

"The Recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Whelan."

War Bonus to Officials.

Under date 13th June 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 99M, 1919, Circular Local Authorities) calling attention to Award No. 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government Employees and suggested that the Council might consider it desirable to take this amended scale for their guidance when fixing or amending War Bonuses for their employees. The Board also called attention to their Circular letter of 20th February 1919, (No. 4727:1919, Miscellaneous) in which they pointed out that they thought it right that the Scale of War Bonus authorised for permanent Civil Servants in accordance with the Awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Boards should be given to all permanent whole-time local officers who have approximately equal salaries and emoluments, as the increases in the cost of living press with practically equal severity in all parts of the Country.

Under date 20th May 1919, Mr J. V. Lawless, Hon Sec., Irish County Councils' Officials Association, wrote calling attention to Award No. 84. His Executive believed that the County Councils in Ireland were not as regards the position of their own officials less humane than the Government. Therefore, in view of the admitted depletion in the purchasing power of £1 pre-war to 8/- at the present time, and to the possibility of a further reduction, the Executive of the Co Councils' Officials Association felt that the County Council would take Award No. 84 as a minimum rather than a maximum increase to be granted to their clerical staff.

The Irish Clerical Workers Union have obtained from the Government a minimum wage of £3 per week for its members, and he had been asked to urge upon the Irish Co Councils the advisability of doing likewise, and that in the interests of efficiency they should adopt a system of graded salaries with annual increments for the clerical staff, and promotion in

accordance with merit from the lowest to the highest position in their gift.

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

"That owing to the seriousness of the question to be dealt with and owing to the very small number present at this meeting (in consequence of various reasons) and in order to meet the demands now made, a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 20th August at 12 O'Clock, noon, to consider the matter. In the meantime that information be sent to each member of the Council relative to the following:-

- 1.- What is the nature of application made and amount involved.
- 2.- Length of service of each officer applying for War Bonus.
- 3.- The salaries of these officers two years ago and today."

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote under date 14th May 1919, pointing out that by the Rules of the High Court of Justice twelve months ago it had been ordered that as from 16th May 1918, all Solicitors should be entitled to 25 per cent additional to their professional charges during the continuance of the War and for six months from its conclusion, and he therefore asked the Council to grant him a Bonus of 25 per cent on his salary since the 16th May 1918. If he had been paid by fees for the work done the 25 per cent increase would be allowed by the Taxing Master on the Taxation of Costs.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council in accordance with the Rules of the High Court of Justice in Ireland to grant Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, a bonus of 25 per cent in his salary as from 16th May 1918."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to War Bonus to Mr R. W. Elgee, was confirmed."

Application for War Bonus from County Surveyors' Association and from County Court Judges Crier were further postponed to special meeting of the Council to be held on 20th inst."

Application.-James Carstairs-Increase Wages.

Enniscorthy Branch Irish Transport & General Workers Union, applied to the Council for an increase in the wages of James Carstairs, No. 1 Drill Operator, from 45/- to 60/- per week, and his hours of work reduced from 54 to 48 hours.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the salary of James Carstairs, Rock Drill Operator, be fixed at £2. 10/- per week as from this date (this being the salary paid Myles Hyland, second drill operator) provided that Carstairs be satisfied to work 54 hours per week as in the past."

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

Salaries Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Officers.

Under date 13th June 1919, Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee, forwarded the following resolution which had been unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Committee held on 11th June:-

"That we request the County Council to fix the salaries of Anastasia Kelly and John Fox, School Attendance Officers, at £35 per annum, and the salary of Jasper Whitty, Secretary, at £15 per annum, to date from 1st July 1919."

The Secretary stated the present salaries were £27. 10/- per annum each in the case of the School Attendance Officers, and £10 in the case of the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the expenses of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee are levied as a district charge we would be glad to have the opinion of Enniscorthy R. D. Council, before dealing with the proposal to increase the salaries of the Officials of the Committee."

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

Under date 28th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26524-1919, Miscellaneous) that they had fixed the scale of fees for the purpose of section 22 (1) of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, at the same figures as in the scale of Medical Practitioners in force in England under the Act 8 & 9 Geo 5 Cap 43.

The Secretary mentioned that the Council had already adopted a

resolution leaving the enforcement of this Act to their Successors in Office.

"No Order".

Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919.

Under date 30th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 133M.-1919) calling attention to the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919, and particularly to Section 1 (4) thereof under which decrees in cases of compensation for criminal injuries must be paid on demand unless applicants defer presenting claim for payment until the next meeting of the Council. The letter outlined the procedure to be followed in cases in which payment was demanded from the Treasurer.

In connection with the matter the following resolution was read from the Armagh County Council:-

"That the Finance & General Purposes Committee of Armagh County Council hereby place on record their disapprobation of the provisions in the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919, whereby Councils are required to pay on demand the amounts of Criminal Injury Decrees whether they have or have not been levied. That we call on all the County and County Borough Councils in Ireland to bring pressure to bear on the Government in order to have this dangerous provision repealed immediately, as no Council will be financially safe until this is done, claims of this nature being frequently very large and impossible to anticipate. "

"No Order"

Motor Car Acts.

Under date 20th June 1919, letter No. 24940:1919, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copies of an Order which they had made requiring that all vehicles coming within the scope of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905 should be fitted with such a device as would prevent mud or water being thrown upon any person or property or upon any other vehicle.

"No Order"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 7th July 1919, letter No. 23190-1919, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of the certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of the Motor Car Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1919, by each County and County Borough Council in Ireland.

The amount for the County Wexford was £1136. 3. 6d.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the Government be requested to state how much of the £31,070 collected in Ireland for motor duty for year ended 31st March 1919, it is proposed should be spent on roads improvement in Ireland."

"Passed"

War Loans.

Under date 26th June 1919, a letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to raising, by Local Authorities, of money for investment in War Loans. They felt sure that Local Authorities would use every effort to secure the successful issue of the new Loan.

"No Order"

Auditors Reports.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditors as to audit of accounts of Enniscorthy Asylum, Enniscorthy R.D. Council, and Union, Wexford R. D. Council and Union, Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Waterford Bridge Joint Committee.

"No Order"

Proposed Weekly Payments to Quarrymen.

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 16th July 1919, an application was considered from the Trade & Labour League, asking the County Council to arrange for weekly payments to quarrymen, and stating that in the event of the Council not agreeing a strike of the men would be called.

The Committee decided to request the Chairman and Secretary to wait upon the Local Government Board and discuss the question with them and more especially as regards the feasibility of arranging for weekly payments otherwise than through weekly meetings of the Finance Committee.

The interview was fixed for 1st August 1919. The Chairman owing to a prior engagement was unable to be present, but the Secretary attended and was received by Sir Henry Robinson, Vice-President of the Local Government Board, and Mr J. W. Drury, Inspector of Audits.

Consideration was first given to the question of establishing an Imprest Account with the County Surveyor, or, in the alternative, advancing sufficient funds to six or seven quarry foremen who could deal with payments in all the quarries on a "group basis" and who would each be required to provide security in £100 through an approved Guarantee

Society, this amount being considerably more than anyone of them would ever have on hands.

The Secretary stated these were methods which had been suggested to obviate the holding of weekly meetings of the Finance Committee.

The latter at their fortnightly meetings could examine the payments made by the foremen for the full fortnight and having satisfied themselves as to the correctness of the amounts disbursed could re-instate the amounts paid out of Imprest Account and in that way the foremen would always be in a position to make the succeeding weekly advance.

The Local Government Board representatives pointed out that, as they realised the difficult position of County Councils in these abnormal times, they were always prepared (so far as the law allowed) to meet proposals proposals of a Council in a matter of special difficulty. But the consideration of an Imprest a/c., with the County Surveyor or any other Official was not practical as there had been a decision in the Courts that a Council could not pay money in advance, and until that decision had been upset and remained unchallenged the Local Government Board were precluded from giving their approval to the existence of an Imprest a/c.,

In connection with the question of holding weekly meetings of the Finance Committee the Vice-President gave information dealing with a large number of other Counties to show that payments were made fortnightly and that no objection had been taken by employees to this system. If the Wexford County Council wished to provide for weekly payments the only legal way by which this could be done at present was by meetings of the Finance Committee.

It was mentioned in the interview that it would be found eventually that if the Finance Committee adopted weekly payments to quarrymen, the system would have to apply later on to other classes of employees and it would not be possible to restrict the system to any particular section of workers.

The Secretary explained that the present members of the Council had served beyond the statutory period and it was doubtful if meetings of Finance & Roads Committee could be successfully held weekly.

Sir Henry Robinson said that to meet this point the Council could delegate three members of the Finance & Roads Committee to examine and sign the Treasurer's Advice Note.

It must be borne in mind that payments to quarrymen, if made

weekly; will necessitate doubling the present supervision and preparation of the accounts of quarries.

It appears that the Council are working 25 quarries directly by their own staff and that in 17 others the Council carry out the blasting and breaking of material, the labour being supplied by Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor will deal with proposed weekly payments as affecting the work of supervision. It is manifest that the change from fortnightly to weekly payments cannot be made without an increase in the County Surveyor's Staff, and in the Clerical Staff of the Council, to deal with increased work.

N. J. Frizelle
Secretary

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

"That in view of the fact that in all other Counties payments to quarrymen etc., are made fortnightly by County Councils, and having regard to the facts dealt with in the report of the interview of our Secretary with the Local Government Board, we consider that it is not practical to institute any satisfactory system of weekly payments."

System of Road Maintenance.

The Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee which referred in detail to the present system of road maintenance were submitted with the following recommendations of the Committee:-

"That we are of opinion the present system of road maintenance should be continued. That the County Surveyor, in cases in which he considers it necessary should put before the Rural District Councils the advisability of allocating such an increased price as will induce persons to tender, failing this and of endeavours by the County Surveyor to procure contractors at full tonnage, we recommend a division of the road work (1) Contract for supply of material from quarry to road, and (2) contract for surface maintenance and attention to water-tables."

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be provided with a shorthand writer and typist, so that he will be able to give approximately four days each week to inspection work. That the County Council be recommended to sanction a salary of £70 per annum for new Clerk, and that the appointment be open to male and female applicants."

The following resolution was read from Piercestown Farmers'

Association:-

"That we the members of the Piercestown Farmers' Union call on the County Council to at once take the necessary steps to have the road material ready for the Contractors at the proper time as we believe that their failure in this respect during the past has been the cause of the falling away of contractors and is solely due to the inefficiency and negligence of their officers.

The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe..

As regards the resolution from Piercestown Farmers' Union, no order was made.

Wages of Quarrymen.

Under date 1st Augst 1919, the following letter was received from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the Quarrymen of the County I am instructed to apply to have the following rates paid all men engaged in quarries:-

Timework 9d per hour or a minimum of 40/6 per week.

Task work including breaking etc., 75% increase on present rates.

In the case of extra difficult quarries as Ballinaboola 5/- per foot for boring with the above rates.

Quarry foremen and time keepers 50/-

Myles Hyland, Drill Operator, 15/- increase in present wages.

In the case of the men engaged in Clonhasten Quarry the 75% increase to be applied and the County Council to stand the expense of operations.

All hands to have a half day on Saturdays.

This matter is I believe late for agenda but I would impress on your Council the urgency of the matter and deal with it at your meeting on Tuesday.

The Union will be represented at Meeting."

Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union, attended the Meeting and presented a demand for increase of wages from Travelling Gang (Stonebreaker).

The Chairman explained to Mr O'Donoghue and Mr O'Brien, of the Irish Trade & Labour League, who was present on behalf of Mr King, Organising Secretary, that neither communications would be considered as they had not been received in time for the meeting.

Both

matters would however be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council on 20th August 1919."

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 25th June 1919, letter No. V. B. 1505-19, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction approving the temporary appointment for the two dipping periods this year, of Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Glynn, as Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross and Wexford Districts at a salary of £26 to cover both Dipping periods.

Under date 30th June 1919, letter No. V. B., 1605-19, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, approving the re-appointment as Sheep Dipping Inspector for Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts of Mr J. Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, at a salary of £26 to cover both dipping periods.

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

"That we approve of sheep owners utilising bath at Heathpark, New Ross, the property of Mr Luke Dwyer, for Sheep dipping under Sheep Dipping Order."

Period of Office-Insurance Committees.

Under date 14th July 1919, letter No. 36/M/1919, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, forwarding copy of Regulations which they had made extending the term of office of existing members of Irish Insurance Committees.

"No Order"

Roads & Bridges Programme-Road Board.

Under date 17th July 1919, the Acting Manager of the Road Board, wrote that the Government had agreed that the expenditure of Highway Authorities in Ireland, on Roads, shall for 1919-20 be supplemented by grants in aid for additional works to an amount of £300,000 in addition to £236,000 now in course of distribution. No Authority could participate in this new programme unless they were arranging to execute from their own resources as large a programme of road work as they carried out in the year ended 31st March 1914, or in special cases on the average of three years ended 31st March 1914, having regard to the increase which has taken place in the cost of executing road work, and that they were also making the maximum practical provision to deal with works

In connection with above the County Surveyor stated he had a letter from Mr Butler, Engineering Inspector Road Board, in which he stated that since his visit to Wexford the Treasury had sanctioned an increased expenditure on Irish Roads and there was now more money available for Wexford Roads. He (Mr Butler) had advised the Board to offer Wexford County a grant of 75 per cent of the cost of improving Gorey-Arklow and Wexford-New Ross Roads. The arrangement which had already been agreed to had provided for £4000 to be spent on the first named and £3,000 on New Ross Road, but he had since suggested to the Board that the total expenditure on each road should be substantially increased especially in the case of Gorey Road.

"The meeting regarded this communication from Mr Butler as satisfactory."

Roads Injured by Timber Traffic.

The County Surveyor submitted a letter from Major Chance, (Roads & Bridges Branch, Ship Street Barracks, Dublin) under date 17th June 1919, stating that claims by a number of County Councils for compensation for damage caused by timber traffic were before the last meeting of the Irish Advisory Committee of the Joint Roads Committee when it was decided that the amount of assistance to be given by Government should not be fixed until the amount recoverable from Hauliers had been determined. To enable this to be done it was thought desirable that Highway Authorities should commence legal proceedings against the Hauliers concerned. Any proposal by hauliers before or after commencement of proceedings should be submitted to the Irish Advisory Committee. The negotiations between the Joint Roads Committee and Hauliers' representatives were not yet completed but it was hoped that a satisfactory solution would be found at an early date.

In connection with roads in the vicinity of Cullenstown Little (New Ross District) claims by Rev J. Crosbie for £19, 10/- for destruction of his trap and £20 for 2½ tons of hay given him by Parishioners, and a claim of Dr J. B. Keogh, M. O., Carrigbyrne, for £4. 6. 4d for repair of his motor car damaged on same road were referred to, and the County Surveyor submitted copy of letter received from Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin.

confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That having received further advice as to the position of the law relative to damage caused by the condition of roads, we must repudiate any liability in regard to accidents caused to vehicles, etc., on roads in the neighbourhood of Little Cullenstown (New Ross District)."

Doran's Hill Quarry.- Claim for Compensation.

Under date 5th July 1919, Mrs Sophia Borthistle wrote:-

"Please allow £10 compensation for damage caused to corn, turnips, and dwelling house by blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry."

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

"That as regards the claim of Mrs Borthistle for compensation for damage caused by blasting operations at Doran's Hill Quarry, we instruct the County Surveyor to communicate further with Mrs Borthistle and the Insurance Company, and report to next meeting of the Council."

Claim for Extra Police.

The Secretary stated that on 16th July 1919, he had received a claim of £53. 3. 2d for extra Constabulary in respect of half-year ended 31st March last. He consulted Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, after which Mr Elgee had written under date 18th July as follows:-

"With reference to your letter, the demand for £53. 3. 2d made by the R. I. C., Authorities for Extra Police in this County for the half-year ending the 31st March last, is under section 51 Sub-Sec 7 of the Local Government Act, barred from payment as it should have been made within three months from the 31st March last, and you inform me that you only received the demand on the 16th of this month."

This communication had been forwarded to the County Inspector, R.I.C., Wexford. On the 24th July 1919, the Secretary was sent the following note from the County Inspector, R. I. C.:-

"Please inform the Secretary to the County Council that the Inspector General is advised that the section of the Local Government Act quoted does not affect Crown debts."

The Secretary forwarded copy of this to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who replied as follows:-

"In reply to yours, Sub Section 7 of Section 51 of the Local Government Act is very plain in stating that Claims or Demands payable

out of the Poor Rate must be paid either within six months of the Financial year they become due in or within three months from the expiration thereof. Such being the case I think it would apply to the charge for Extra Police, and I can find nothing which excludes the Crown from the provisions of the Section. It might be well, however, for you to ascertain from the Assistant Inspector General if there is a special Act excepting the Crown from the Section.

Of course in the matter of ordinary debts the Crown is not barred but as this is covered by a special Section of an Act of Parliament it is now barred."

Under date 3rd August 1919, the County Inspector, R. I. C., wrote that he was advised to inform the County Council that Section 51 (7) did not affect Crown debts and that the Crown was not named in the Section.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Whelan:-

"That Mr Elgee obtain the opinion of Counsel as to the liability of the County Council for payment of claim for extra police in view of the date upon which this claim was lodged, and in view of the provisions of section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

Asylum Capitation Grants.

Mr A. Keogh Nolan, Hon Sec., to Conference of Irish Asylum Committee held in Dublin on 2nd July 1919, forwarded the following resolutions adopted at the Conference:-

"That the accumulated sum of the difference between the amounts actually paid to Local Authorities on Account of Grant in aid in respect of Pauper Lunatics in District Asylums in Ireland, since the insolvency of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account, and the amount of the Grant (4/- per patient per week) be immediately made good to Local Authorities."

"That, in view of the enormous increase in the cost of maintenance of Pauper Lunatics, the Capitation Grant in aid be increased to a sum equivalent to one-half the actual cost, including Capital charges, of the lunatics now in residence or that shall, in the future, be in residence in District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland."

Mr Scallan proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee which was confirmed:-

"That the resolutions from the Irish District Asylum Conference and

and County Councils General Council be adopted."

Road 55E.

J. O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater, Contractor for Road 55E wrote asking to be relieved of his contract, as it was impossible for him to do the necessary work thereon, owing to the condition in which the road was handed over to him.

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

"That the County Surveyor consult with Mr J. O'Toole, as to maintenance of Road No. 55E and endeavour to arrange for an allowance to cover work which had been neglected by previous contractor."

Rent Etc., Oulart Courthouse.

Under date 11th June 1919, Mr P. Cooney, Oulart, wrote that he had purchased Oulart Courthouse, and intended raising rent of same from £10 to £30 per annum.

The matter was referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who wrote under date 18th June 1919, that the Co Council could not pay any rent exceeding £10 per annum for a petty sessions house, so that therefore even if they were willing they could not pay the increased rent that Mr Cooney asked. He (Mr Elgee) was also of opinion that at present Mr Cooney was debarred asking an increased rent by Sec 77 of the Grand Jury Act 1846 as adapted by Privy Council Order of 30th January 1899.

Under date 3rd June 1919, Mr O. R. Lee, C. P. S., Gorey, wrote that he had been directed by the Magistrates sitting at Oulart P. S. to apply for a grant from the County Council for fuel and cleaning Oulart Courthouse. The former landlord made an allowance for this purpose, but the present owner refuses to do so.

Under date 18th June 1919, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that as to Mr Lee's application it was covered by Sec 76 of the Grand Jury Act 1836 as adapted by Privy Council Order of 30 January 1899, and the Council could allow Mr Lee a sum annually for such purpose, as was done already in the case of some other Courthouses.

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

"That Mr Lee be requested to inform the Council the amount which was allowed by the former landlord of Oulart Courthouse for fuel and for cleaning"

As regards the question of rent the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That a copy of the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be furnished to Mr P. Cooney, Oulart."

Market Square, Gorey.

Mr D. Murphy, Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote under date 28th July 1919, asking for permission from the County Council to erect pig pens on the Market Square, Gorey, beside the Town Commissioners' weighing scales. This would not interfere with the traffic as the place is about twenty yards from the public thoroughfare.

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

"That Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to furnish report as to the application of the Gorey Town Commissioners for erection of pig pens in Market Square, Gorey, and to ascertain if pens are to be temporary structures and how often to be used during a period of six or twelve months, and any further information in connection with the application which he considers it advisable should be brought to the knowledge of the Council.

Drain at Castleland.

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, a letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Mrs Anna M. Darcy, Castleland, that, as a result of Patrick Purcell, Ballintlea, Gorey, stopping the drain which supplied her premises with water, she suffered considerable damage and unless the drain was properly cleaned and put in working order, so that the water supply would be as heretofore, they would have to take such steps against the Road Contractor or the County Council as they would be advised.

The County Council referred the matter to the Co Surveyor to report to the present meeting.

The County Surveyor stated that the necessary work to preserve the water supply had been satisfactorily carried out.

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for payment submitted by the Finance &

Roads Committee and Proposal Committee and including transfers to Public Bodies financed by the County Council be and are hereby agreed to and Treasurer's Advice Note signed for same."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 20 of this day's meeting be and are hereby approved subject to the modification and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Advance Payment-Registration Act.

Under date 24th July 1919, Mr H. L. Meadows, Registration Officer, applied for an advance of £900 to enable him to pay portion (not exceeding threefourths) of the remuneration due to the different Overseers and Rate Collectors for duties performed by them under the Representation of The People Act 1918.

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

"That the application of the Registration Officer for an advance of £900 be adjourned to next meeting and, in the meantime, that the Registration Officer be requested to furnish details (so far as possible) of the amounts to which the advance will apply."

Demand New Ross Urban District.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the New Ross Urban Council be requested to lodge with the Treasurer of the Co Council the first instalment of Demand on the Urban Council which should have been lodged to the credit of the Co.Council on 1st June 1919."

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Rate Collectors Bonds.

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

"That Messrs Patrick Codd, and John Mullett, be instructed to furnish Fidelity Guarantee Bond as Rate Collector, or Protection Note for same."

of this recommendation to the Local Government Board."

"The Secretary stated that all Collectors had now lodged their fidelity guarantee bonds or Protection Notes for same."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

Applications for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from John Redmond, camolin, Daniel Somers, Coolgreany, Inch, Thomas Cullen, Main Street, Wexford, James Cullen, Taghmon; and for renewals of licences from Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, Henry Hill, Ballydaniel, George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, Patrick Healy, Main Street, Wexford.

"Licences as above were ordered to be issued on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Revision Valuation-Bantry Commons.

Under date 18th July 1919, the Commissioner of Valuation wrote asking whether the County Council should retain in the Valuation Lists the names of Robert Whelan and Laurence Tobin, as occupiers of lands on Bantry Commons.

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

"That in view of the information supplied by Rate Collectors Murphy and Somers, we are of opinion the names of Messrs Robert Whelan and Laurence Tobin should be retained in the Valuation lists as occupiers of lands on Bantry Commons."

County Wexford Tuberculosis Scheme-Secretaryship.

Under date 29th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 36989-1919, Wexford County) that subject to ratification by the Co Council they approved of the appointment of Mr N. J. Frizelle, as Clerk to the County Tuberculosis Committee for a further period of twelve months from 15th July 1919.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we ratify the appointment of Mr N. J. Frizelle, as Secretary to the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, for a period of twelve months as from 15th July 1919."

Porch & Paling at Courtown Harbour.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee

was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"That new proceedings be instituted by the County Council against Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, for removal of porch erected by him to premises at Courtown Harbour without permission of the Council or its officers, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to inform Mr Williams that the wire of the paling which he has erected is not of sufficient strength for the purpose for which it has been erected, and must be replaced by wire which will meet the approval of the County Surveyor."

Fethard Dock.

Under date 1st July 1919, a letter was read from Mr John Kelly, Ramstown, Fethard, on behalf of the fishermen of Fethard, calling attention to the unsatisfactory state of the entrance of Fethard Dock, which was full of sand and other impediments thus preventing the fishing boats getting in or out of the dock.

"The County Surveyor stated he had arranged to have the work carried out."

Caretaker Duncannon Hulk.

In connection with the sale of Duncannon Hulk and its removal from the station, the following was read from Laurence Monahan:-

"I have been informed that the County Council was about to have my salary for Harbour Master reduced, I beg to say that I have to light 4 lamps, look after Railings on Quay and attend when vessels and Boats are being moored. I expend almost £1 per year on matches which Council do not allow for. The time given each day to Council's work is about 3 hours daily, for which I receive the small sum of eightpence per day, which I hope the Council will not further reduce."

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

"That no change be made in the salary (£12 per annum) of Caretaker, Duncannon Pier and Hulk."

Refund Motor Duty.

Under date 13th June 1919, Mr Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, Gorey, wrote that as he could not obtain a permit from the Police to use his motor cycle, the machine had not been out and he therefore claimed a refund of £1 Motor licence duty paid thereon.

recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the General Post Office, Dublin, be requested to refund £1 for Motor Cycle Duty Licence taken out in error as Mr Kehoe was unable to obtain permit to use machine."

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

That, as the applications of Thomas John Lambert, 11 William Street, Wexford, and Mary Catherine Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine, for award of University Scholarships, were not, through an oversight, lodged by the 1st June 1919, as provided by the Scheme, we recommend the County Council to allow these candidates to compete for Scholarship as we are aware that the failure to lodge application at specified time did not occur through their own default."

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

"That, in order to ascertain that all candidates comply with the conditions attaching to the award of the County Council's University Scholarships, evidence of the residence, in the County Wexford, of the parents or guardians of each candidate for five years, prior to the 1st June 1919, must be furnished to the County Council."

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 15th July 1919, a letter was read from the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, asking that the following appointments of ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts be made:-

Sergeant Michael Doyle for P. S. District of Wexford.

Sergeant Henry Murphy. " " Enniscorthy.

Sergeant James Murrinhy " " Oulart.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Redmond, appointments of Ex-officio Inspectors Doyle, Murphy, and Murrinhy, were agreed to as per letter of County Inspector, R. I. C., under date 15th July 1919."

Train Arrangements-Dublin & New Ross.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be asked to assist this Council in the purchase of a train from the Dublin and South Eastern

Railway Company, better train facilities between Dublin and Waterford than exist at present, and that the personal co-operation of the individual members of the County Council who are affected by the train service, be solicited."

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

"That we consider the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, should favourably entertain the request of the New Ross Urban Council for a connection with the town of New Ross by the train leaving Dublin at 6.5 p.m., instead of, as at present, by the train leaving Dublin at 10.15 a.m., as with present arrangement, persons having business in Dublin must spend two days in going and returning."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

20th June 1919.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1919.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	28
Whiskey	12
Margarine	9
Butter	8
Buttermilk	8
Gin	4
Ale	4
Porter	3
Mustard	3
Brandy	3
Port Wine	3
Lard	3
Cheese	3
Stout	2

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cocoa	2
Olive Oil	1
Separated Milk	1
Coffee & Chicory	1
Tea	1
Rice	1
Cornflour	1
Baking Powder	1
Sugar	1
Oatmeal	1
Ginger Wine	1
Vinegar	1
Pepper	1
Bread Soda	1
Cream of tartar	1
Epsom's Salts	1
Castor Oil	1
Sherry Wine	1
Total	<u>112</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fourteen drugs were analysed, One was incorrect.

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

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

Total analyses.....140

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Ballingly & Ballyconnick Quarries.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor pointed out that Mr R. O'Connor who was working the Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries, wrote that he could not continue working at 4/6 per cubic yard, the present price for prepared material.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr R. O'Connor be offered a sum of 6/- per cubic yard for prepared material in Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries."

Hanlon's Quarry.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee pointed out that the terms for the working of Hanlon's quarry at Ballygarvan had been under consideration by the Committee sometime ago. He had communicated the decision of the Committee to the Solicitors representing both landlord and tenant. The tenant's Solicitor did not consider it advisable to complete the agreement and the landlord, Mr place, was apparently also unsatisfied with the terms.

The County Surveyor considered if a settlement could not be come to proceedings at Petty Sessions should be taken and the quarry entered in the ordinary manner.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted::

"That the County Surveyor be directed to instruct Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, to take proceedings to enable the Co Council to procure material for road metalling from Hanlon's Quarry, Ballygravan."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following road contractors or take up their roads under the 54th section of Grand Jury Act, unless they carry out his instructions as regards these roads:- 53W John Roche, Ballinlay, 88W Willima Murphy, Ballinlay, 89W, 90W 91W, Daniel Connors, Ballinlay."

Kerlogue Quarry.

In connection with the proposal of the Council to proceed against

Moses Power, Kerlogue, (Contractor for supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry) and his Sureties, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, stated that he had received a letter from the County Surveyor under date 2nd August 1919, stating that he (County Surveyor) considered it would be well to postpone issuing proceedings for the present as the contractor had been working at the quarry recently and the breaker was now working there, and proceedings would seem strange while the work was going on.

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

"That proceedings against Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor for supply of quarry material from Kerlogue quarry and his sureties be held over for the present."

Dates of Representation of The People Act 1918.

A resolution was received from the Tyrone County Council demanding the revocation of the Order in Council of 8th May 1919, fixing dates in Representation of The People Act 1918, and asking that seven days at least should be added to each period of objecting and other changes affecting the Public convenience carried out according to suggestions made by Tyrone County Council.

"The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Tuberculosis Scheme-Part Time Nursing.

Under date 28th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 36,997: 1919, Wexford Co.,) stating that they had no objection to the proposed arrangement for "part-time" nursing services of Nurses in Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Ferns, and Newtownbarry, at a remuneration of £10 each per annum, from the funds of the Tuberculosis Committee, provided that the Proposal was ratified by the County Council and on the understanding that in cases coming under the scheme the Nurses will act under the direction and supervision of the Tuberculosis Officer.

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

"That we ratify the proposal of County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee to contribute a sum of £10 per annum each to the Nursing Associations of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Ferns, and Newtownbarry, as dealt with in the letter of the Local Government Board under date

28th July 1919, (letter No. 38997-1919, Wexford County)."

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.

Mr Ahearne, Clerk No. 2 Sub Committee (Tintern & Fethard) wrote under date 15th July 1919, that Rev J. Redmond P. P., Horeswood, and Rev E. Doyle C. C., Gusserane, were recommended by his Sub Committee for appointment to fill the vacancies caused by the demise of Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P., Horeswood, and Very Rev Canon O'Connor, Ballycallane.

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

"That Rev J. Redmond P. P., Horeswood, and Rev E. Doyle C. C., Gusserane, be appointed Members of No. 2 Sub-Committee (Old Age Pension Act) vice Rev Canon Doyle and Very Rev Canon O'Connor deceased."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1919.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 20th AUGUST 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 20th August 1919.

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

Also:- Messrs R. Scallan, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, Joseph Redmond, W. H. McGuire, M. Maddock, M. Clooney, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

War Bonus to Officials.

Circular letter of the Local Government Board, under date 20th February 1919, No. 4727-1919, Miscellaneous, was read:-

This called attention to the wide variations existing in the amount of War Bonus given by local authorities in Ireland to their Officials, and stated that the Board thought it right that the war bonus awarded permanent civil servants should be given to all permanent whole-time local officers, who had approximately equal salaries and emoluments, as the increases in the cost of living press with practically equal severity in all parts of the Country.

Under date 13th June 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 99M-1919 Miscellaneous) forwarding Award 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government Employees in accordance with which a new scale of war bonus had been authorised for Civil Servants. The Board suggested that the Council might consider it desirable to take this amended scale for guidance when fixing or amending war bonuses for their employees.

Under date 20th May 1919, Mr J. V. Lawless, Hon Sec., Irish County Councils' Officials Association, wrote calling attention to Award No. 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government employees, and asked that the Co Council should apply the provisions of this Award to their clerical staff. His Executive in bringing this matter forward considered that the County Councils would not be less humane than the Government. In view of the admitted depletion in the value of the £1 pre war to 8/- at the present time, and to the possibility of a further reduction in its purchasing power, the Executive of the Association felt that the Co Council would take Award No. 84 as a minimum rather than a maximum in respect of the clerical staff.

In the interest of efficiency the County Council should adopt a scale of graded salaries with annual increments, and also see that promotion was in accordance with merit from the lowest to the highest positions in their gift.

Under date 4th August 1919, Mr Lawlss wrote that Co Councils had given as a reason for the non-adoption of Award No 84 that they had already given increases of salary to their officials this year. In reply he pointed out that Civil Servants receive £10 to £50 per annum of increment, according to classification, and in some instances these annual increments have been doubled since the commencement of the War. Nevertheless the Award has been applied to them in full, and even calculated upon the increases which they received this year. the salaries of Civil Servants was much in excess of those paid to County Officials although the work performed by the latter is equally if not more important. the standard of living being the same in each case. The question of overtime had also been brought forward. This was raised before the Conciliation and Arbitration Board, and it was held that it did not affect the full application of the Award except to increase the allowance or rate per hour for such work.

This subject was before the County Council on two occasions and on the last (Meeting of 5th August 1919) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That owing to the seriousness of the question to be dealt with and, owing to the very small number present at this meeting (in consequence of various reasons) and in order to meet the demands now made, a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 20th inst., (August) at 12 O'C., noon, to consider the matter. In the meantime that information be sent to each member of the Council relative to the following:-

- 1.- What is the nature of the application made and amount involved.
- 2.- Length of service of each officer applying for War Bonus.
- 3.- The salaries of these officers two years ago and to-day."

In connection with the question of War Bonus to County Officials Circular letter under date 10th February 1919, (which had been previously before the Council) from Association of County Surveyors (Ireland) was read. This pointed out that not only under Government but throughout the whole community increases or bonuses have been given to persons who lived by wages or salary, as the value of their income had been reduced by about 10/- in the £. Many County Councils had already given bonuses to their staff, or had given permanent increases. To any County Councils who had

not already done so the Association respectfully suggested that the matter was urgent. They spoke more particularly for the County Surveyor and his Staff.

Mr Brennan, Solicitor (Messrs Huggard & Brennan) appeared in support of the claim of the Clerical and Engineering Staffs and of Mr Barry, County Surveyor.

The Chairman decided the meeting would consider each case individually

He proposes that Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted £30 per annum, in the shape of a War Bonus to date from 1st July 1919.

Mr McGuire seconded and the motion was adopted nem con.

With reference to the claim of Messrs W. H. Jones, John Kehoe, R.J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, for war Bonus, Mr Scallan proposed and Mr Maddock seconded the following resolution which was passed nem con:-

"That no War Bonus be granted Messrs Jones, Kehoe, Ennis & Kirby, and Curran, Assistant Surveyors, considering the condition of the roads, the complaints received regarding them, and the fact that these officers were granted an increase of 50 per cent in their salaries recently."

Relative to the application of the Accountant, Mr McGuire proposed and Mr Maddock seconded the following resolution:-

"That no War Bonus be granted the Accountant-Mr T. A. Frizelle- as he received an increase of salary recently."

Mr Cloney proposed, and Mr Codd seconded the following amendment:-

"That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be granted a sum of £15 per annum as War Bonus to date as from 1st July 1919."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Cloney, Scallan, Codd, and J. A. Doyle:-4

Against:- Messrs Kehoe, Maddock, McGuire, Redmond and the Chairman.-5

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution that no War Bonus be granted was then put and declared carried.

Mr McGuire proposed as regards the case of Mr C. H. Richards, First Assistant Co Council Office, that he be granted an increase of £12 per annum as a War Bonus, to date as from 1st July 1919.

Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Maddock proposed:- "That no War Bonus be granted Mr C. H. Richards."

"This proposal was not seconded."

The Chairman then put the resolution which was adopted without dissent.

In connection with the case of Mr J. H. Cadogan, second Assistant, Co. Council Office, Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Scallan seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr Cadogan be granted an increase of £10 per annum as War Bonus to date as from 1st July 1919."

As an Amendment Mr Maddock proposed and Mr McGuire seconded the following:- "That no War Bonus be granted Mr J. H. Cadogan"

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Kehoe, Maddock, McGuire, Codd and Redmond.-5

Against:- Messrs Cloney, Scallan Doyle and the Chairman.-4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

As regards application of Mr T. Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, Mr Scallan proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the following which was passed nem con:- "That Mr T. Cullen be granted an increase of £9 per annum in the shape of War Bonus as from 1st July 1919."

As regards the application of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, Mr Cloney proposed that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be granted an increase of £200 as War Bonus as from 1st July 1919."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr Scallan proposed, and Mr McGuire, seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That the County Surveyor be granted an increase of £100 per annum as War Bonus to date from 1st July 1919."

The following under date 20th August 1919, was read from Messrs T Treanor, C. H. Richards, and Thomas Cullen, to whom amounts by way of War Bonus had been granted at Meeting:-

"We the undersigned officials desire to inform the Council that we cannot accept the miserable doles granted to us to-day as War Bonuses. We have received instructions from our Union which is affiliated to the Trades Congress, not to accept less than the full Award of the Arbitration Board, which must be granted to all officials of the Council who are members of the Union, and we think it necessary to notify the Council of the fact, as it is expected that our Trades Union will communicate further with the Council in the matter."

Mr Timothy Long, Grievor, County Council, wrote under date 24th June 1919,

applying for a bonus on his salary. The salaries of the Criers were fixed a long time ago and when £1 was worth about four times what it was now. He also referred to increase in Railway fares and to the fact that all officers of the County Court without exception had been given increased salaries and allowances, and that the salaries of Process Servers had been increased by Act of Parliament."

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

"That the application of Timothy Long, Co Court Judges Crier, for War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting. In the meantime that he be asked to supply the following particulars (1) How many times per year is he on duty in County Wexford, (2) Are his expenses paid by Co Court Judge, (3) How many other Counties does he serve."

Applications Increased Wages-Co Council Quarry Employees, Etc.,

Under date 1st August 1919, the following was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the quarrymen of the County I am instructed to apply to have the following rates paid all men engaged in quarries:-

Time work 9d per hour or a minimum of 40/6 per week.

Task work including breaking etc., 75% increase on present rates.

In the case of extra difficult quarries as Ballynabola 5/- per foot for boring with the above rates.

Quarry foremen and Time keepers 50/-

Myles hyland, drill-operator 15/- increase on present wages.

In the case of the men engaged in Clonhasten Quarry the 75% increase to be applied and the Council to stand the expense of operations.

All hands to have a half-holiday on Saturdays."

Under date 5th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr Michael O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the following workers:- Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, William Copeland, Oiler, Andrew Clear, Pat Morris, John Foley, and John Gaynor, labourers, employees of your Council and members of above Union, We demand the following rates of wages;-namely- Engine Driver 50/- per week Oiler 30/- per week, four labourers 1/4 per cubic yard and also 7/6 per day each for labourers when removing from one place to another. These men are a travelling gang engaged at stonebreaking by your Council, and we claim that their present wages are insufficient, especially as the work is

very heavy."

Mr King representative of the Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, and Mr O'Donohoe on behalf of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, appeared and urged the claims of the various employees.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, stated that the present rates in quarries were per hour 7d, piece work or task work 10d per cubic yard for breaking, 1/2 per cubic yard for quarrying and banking after a big blast, and 2/- per cubic yard for quarrying without blasting.

The Chairman said according to the demand of Mr King the time rate was to be raised from 7d to 9d per hour, the breaking from 10d per cubic yard to 1/5, the quarrying and banking after Rock Drill blast from 1/2 to 2/-, and the quarrying without blasting 2/- to 3/6.

In connection with Ballinaboola quarry and other quarries which were hard to work, Mr King stated that the 5/- per foot mentioned in his letter referred to two men so the remuneration for each man would be 2/6 per foot, when engaged ~~at~~ this work, the time rate was to cease.

After considerable discussion Mr Scallan moved:- "That the application from Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union, and from Irish Transport & General Workers Union on behalf of employees of the County Council be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to be held on Wednesday 3rd September 1919, in the meantime that a return as to the wages earned by the individual men in the various quarries be prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee meeting mentioned in this resolution."

Mr Codd seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

Mr King before the resolution was adopted said he regretted that he could not agree to the postponement and should press for a decision one way or other that day, otherwise Mr O'Donoghue and he would have to bring the matter before the meetings of the Standing Committees of their Unions that night, and there was no course open to them but to order a stoppage of the work in all the quarries of the County.

After the adoption of the resolution Mr King said the Unions would declare a state of War between them and the Co Council and the individuals who had turned down the application of the Unions that day.

Resignation Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector.

Under date 16th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector:-

"Owing to failing health I am obliged to tender my resignation as Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District. I regret that I am unable to continue in office until the close of the present half-year, but from the present state of my health I would not be able to perform the duties with satisfaction to the County Council. I enclose you a certificate from Dr O'Brien, Bannow, I am 35 years in office the 25th of next October, and I am 70 years of age. I am sure, after my long service Gentlemen, you will grant me the amount of superannuation to which I am entitled."

Under date 1st August 1919, Dr M. K. O'Brien, certified that he had this day medically examined Nicholas Moore, Ballyfrory, was of the opinion that owing to his age and Cardiac Degeneration Mr Moore would not again be fit for duty as Rate Collector.

On the motion of Mr Seallan, seconded by Mr Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the resignation of Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector, for No 3 District, be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd September 1919, and in the meantime that Mr Moore be requested to nominate a deputy Collector in order to close the collection in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1919."

/ Road Limits-Enniscorthy, Gorey, & Wexford Districts.

Under date 19th August 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26169-1919, Wexford County) that in order to regularise the excess expenditure on roads for year ended 31st March last, in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, the County Council should make formal application to the Local Government Board under section 27 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 for the necessary extensions of the road limits for last financial year.

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

"That, as in consequence of the payment of War Bonus to a number of Road Contractors the financial Road limit on roads in Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, have/exceeded, we request the Local Government Board to extend Road limits for these districts in respect of financial year ended March 1919 and 1920." 18. 8d, Gorey

from £7727. 16. 7d to £7873. 16. 3d and Wexford from £8500 to £8606.14.3d"

Representation of The People Act 1919.

At the last meeting of the County Council the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of the Registration Officer for an advance of £900 be adjourned to next meeting, and, in the meantime that the Registration Officer be requested to furnish details (so far as possible) of the amounts to which the advance will apply."

In reply to this resolution the following letter under date 9th August 1919, was read from Mr H. L. Meadows, Registration Officer:-

"I am in receipt of the resolution of the County Council at their meeting on 5th inst., re advance of £900 under the above Act (Representation of the People Act 1919). The details are (for 1918) Number of Voters on Register for 1918:- 46992, Amount paid overseers and Rate Collectors for work done in connection with same (under Order in Council) £960. 1. 10d. From the statistics available up to the present the coming Register is likely to exceed 50000 electors, consequently the amount required as remuneration for Overseers and rate Collectors will exceed amount paid last year.

These officials were not paid in 1918 until the Register was completed. It has since come to my knowledge that some of them complained of the delay in paying their claims. The Local Government Board has since authorised the payment of an advance to them in proportion to the amount of work done, the balance being paid on completion of the Register."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That advance of £900 requisitioned by the Registration Officer in connection with work under Representation of the People Act 1918, be paid to this officer at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd September 1919."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary submitted the particulars of marks supplied by the Intermediate Education Commissioners and obtained by applicants for four University Scholarships, in so far as same referred to the syllabus of the County Council's University Scholarship Scheme:-

The following was the result :-

1.-	William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal.	1195 Marks.
2.-	Myles Moore, 30 New Street, Enniscorthy.	1126 "
3.-	Thomas J. Lambert, 11 William Street, Wexford.	1105 "
4.-	Edward J. Redmond, Seamount Cottages, Courtown.	1055 "
5.-	James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin.	920 "
6.-	Mary Ellen P. O'Rourke, 8 St Peter's Sq., Wexford.	575 "
7.-	Mary C. Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine.	469 "

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 5th August 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in order to ascertain that all Candidates comply with the condition attaching to the award of the County Councils' University Scholarships, evidence of residence in the County of the parents or guardians of each candidate for five years prior to the 1st June 1919 must be furnished to the County Council."

The Secretary stated that in the case of all applicants, except that of Edward J. Redmond, the necessary information had been furnished. In the case of Mr Redmond the latter submitted the following from the Earl of Courtown:-

"I beg to state that Edward John Redmond, was born in Courtown Harbour and has lived for five years in either Courtown or Riverchapel."

This did not cover the query raised by the Council which dealt with the residence of the parents or guardians of applicants, but not with the applicant himself.

Mr William M. Ryan, Wellington Place, Wexford, University Scholar, wrote applying for an extension of his Scholarship. He was unable to avail of Scholarship last year owing to ill-health."

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

"That University Scholarships be awarded Messrs William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal, Myles Moore, 30 New Street, Enniscorthy, and Thomas J. Lambert, 11 William Street, Wexford, as these Candidates have received the highest award of marks at recent Intermediate Examinations in the subjects set out in the Co Council syllabus for University Scholarships. That as regards the award of fourth scholarship no order be now made, but that Mr Edward J. Redmond, who obtained fourth place in the list of Candidates be requested to furnish the evidence of a Clergyman or Magistrate that his parents or guardians have resided in the County

Wexford for a period of five years immediately preceding 1st June 1919."

As regards the application of Mr William M. Ryan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the request of Mr Ryan for an extension of his University Scholarship in Commerce be referred to Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd September 1919."

Increases Salaries-Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance

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In connection with recommendation of Enniscorthy R.D.School Attendance Committee to increase the salaries of Miss Kelly, and John Fox, School Attendance Officers from £27. 10/- to £35 and of Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary from £10 to £15 per annum, the County Council at their meeting on 5th August 1919, adopted the following resolution:-

"That as the expenses of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee are levied as a district charge we would be glad to have the opinion of Enniscorthy R. D. Council before dealing with the proposal to increase the salaries of the officials of the Committee."

Under date 18th August 1919, Mr Jasper Whitty, Acting Clerk, Enniscorthy R. D. Council, wrote that the following Order had been made on the resolution of the County Council:-

"Council consider increase reasonable and recommend the Co Council to approve of it."

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

"That as from 1st July 1919, the salaries of John Fox and Miss Kelly School Attendance Officers, Enniscorthy Rural District S.A. Committee be fixed at £35 each and the salary of Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary, at £15 as from this date."

Proposed Hut at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 14th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr A. Kinsella, Gorey, County Councillor:-

"The Misses L. & M. Warren, of this town have asked me to write you with reference to Hut which they propose to erect in the Square, Courtown. The place where they propose to erect the hut (a temporary wooden structure) has been utilised for a similar purpose before and I may say it will not be any obstruction to the public in any way."

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

"That the request of Misses Warren, Gorey, for permission to erect a hut in the Square at Courtown Harbour, be acceded to, provided the structure and site are approved by the County Surveyor and on condition that the hut must be removed at any time on a fortnight's notice in writing given on behalf of the County Council."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1919.