

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 11th AUGUST 1920.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th August 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Corish, Michael Doyle, John Sinnott, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, John O'Byrne, M. Cloney, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, J. Cummins, James Doyle, James Hall, Matthew Hughes, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, Michael Redmond, James Shannon, Philip Lennon, John Pender.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Superannuation Ex-Collector Earle.

The following motion and of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That a superannuation allowance be granted to Mr Robert Earle, late Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, and that the amount of said superannuation be fixed at this meeting."

The motion was seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr S. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum, be granted Mr Robert Earle, ex Rate Collector."

The Secretary stated that the three years average of Mr Earle's salary and emoluments to 31st March 1920 was £156. 19. 6d, and the two-thirds of this or £104. 13/- would be the amount to which Mr Earle was entitled.

Mr J. J. Fowler, Rate Collector, Personal Security of.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was withdrawn by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That in view of the difficulty which exists in obtaining for Rate Collectors security by fidelity guarantee bond, the resolution of the County Council making it obligatory on all new officers to give security through an approved guarantee society be abrogated for the present as regards rate Collectors, and that Mr James J. Fowler, recently appointed Rate Collector, be allowed to enter into personal security with two approved personal sureties in the sum of £1000."



In connection with this matter, Mr Fowler submitted correspondence from a large number of Insurance Companies stating they had discontinued issuing fidelity guarantee bonds to Collectors. The Hibernian Co., were prepared to guarantee against fraud or embezzlement, but not the general conduct of the Collector.

"It was in view of this latter offer that Mr O'Byrne withdrew his motion."

Mr Corish moved:- "That the County Council are prepared to accept in the case of Mr J.J.Fowler, Rate Collector, bond of Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., 49 Dame Street, Dublin, guaranteeing, as regards collection of rates in Mr Fowler's district, the County Council against any fraud or dishonesty on the part of Mr Fowler."

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded the motion which was adopted.

University Scholarship Scheme.- Extension Scholarship.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) had tabled the following motion for consideration---

"That Mr John J. Travers, Gorey, University Scholarship Holder, be granted an extension of his Scholarship for one year."

Under date 7th July 1920, Mr Travers wrote that he was granted a Scholarship three years ago, and started to do medicine in University College, Dublin. Since then he had been very successful in his studies and had passed all examinations to date. The £50 scholarship was totally inadequate and the increase to £70 did not come into force until next year. For the past three years his studies had cost him £120 per year, and would cost him a good deal more for next two years.

Mr John J. O'Byrne, proposed and Mr James Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr John J. Travers for extension of his University Scholarship be referred to special Committee of the Council appointed to deal with University Scholarships and also Scholarships for Primary Schools."

Leave to reside outside Hostel.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Corish, and adopted:-

"That Miss Anna Whelan, Wexford, University Scholarsip Holder, of said County Council, be granted permission to reside outside a recognised hostel for academic year 1920-21."

In a letter under date 14th July 1920, Miss Whelan wrote, that as regards her application to reside outside a hostel her case was unique. Her work for teaching diploma next year would necessitate her going to different institutions for



teaching experience, and owing to irregular hours at which it would be carried out it would be better facilitated by residence outside a Hostel.

#### Irish and Official Positions.

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

"That on and after January 1st 1922, major appointments in the gift of this County Council be given only to Fanneoiri. This condition will also apply to Candidates for promotion.

Until the above date Candidates for major positions and promotion must be able to read 50 pages of Seadna or similar book, and to maintain a conversation based on the text of the book chosen.

These conditions will not be enforced in the case of existing members of the Staff aged over 35 years.

Major appointments mean position of Secretary, and Clerkships in Secretary's Office, and positions of Surveyors and Clerkships in Surveyor's Office.

Until 1st January 1922, all Candidates for minor positions (Rate Collectors etc.,) must be able to read Ceachta Beaga, Part 1 or similar book, and to maintain a simple conversation based on the text of book chosen.

Candidates for major appointments aged over 35 years to be treated like those applying for minor appointments.

In all cases preference to be given to Fainneoiri other qualifications being equal."

The resolution was seconded by Mr John Sinnott, and adopted.

#### Scholarships for Pupils in Primary Schools.

Mr James Doyle had tabled the following motion:-

"That the County Council Scholarship Scheme be revised in order that the Council may increase the amount for each Scholarship if it deems it necessary. That arrangements be made under which Scholarships will become available to pupils of Primary Schools, and that a Conference consisting of three representatives each from Council, School Managers, and Secondary and Primary Teachers, be brought together to discuss the whole question and to report thereon to the County Council

The following resolution was read from the National Teachers County Association:-

"That we ask the present County Council of Wexford, to introduce a Scheme of Scholarships, providing for Secondary and University Education, to be confined to pupils of Rural National Schools, age limit 14 to 16 years."



After preliminary discussion Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) moved:-

"That notice of motion standing in the name of Mr James Doyle, relative to University Scholarships and Scholarships from Primary Schools be referred to the following Committee for report to the Council:- Messrs James Doyle, Corish, John J. O'Byrne, P. Lennon, and Dr Ryan."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

#### Tenure of Courthouses

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Cummins:-

"That the County Council determine the tenancy of each Courthouse and Petty Sessions house by the usual notice, and that our Solicitor be directed to have this served as soon as possible."

Mr Pender seconded the motion which was passed nem con.

#### County Treasurer.

The following notice stood in the name of Mr Lennon:-

"That we the County Council of Wexford, dismiss the National Bank, Ltd., Wexford, from the Treasurership of the County. That a copy of this resolution be furnished forthwith to the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford.

That we hereby appointed the National Land Bank as the Treasurer of the County Council."

The Chairman proposed, and Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded the following which was unanimously adopted:-

"That Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Lennon relative to the change of the County Council Treasurer be referred to next Special Meeting of the County Council."

#### Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Letters were read from Rev M. Hickey P.P., Clongeen, James Shannon, M.C.C., John Kavanagh D. C., Main Street, Ferns, and W. J. Furlong, Dranagh, Caim, resigning the membership of Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That as recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Messrs James O'Leary, D.C., Grange, Rathnure, Gerald Flood, Ballyboro, Clonroche, and George Culleton, Garradreen, Taghmon, be appointed members of this Committee."



On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Corish, the name of Mr Patrick Rath, Clonesheeogue, Ballymurrin, was also added to the Committee."

Vacancy County Wexford Infirmary Committee.

Under date 8th July 1920, Rev Martin Ryan, C.C., Camolin, wrote regretting that it was not possible for him to attend meetings of the County Infirmary, and in consequence he could not act as a member of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That Rev G. J. Murphy C. C., The Presbytery, Wexford, be appointed a member of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee."

Appointment Clerical Assistants.

For the position of Assistant (for Shorthand writing and typing) in County Council Office, at a salary of £3 per week, applications were received from:-

Patrick Foley, Castlehill Street, Wexford.

Stephen Hayes, 6 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

John Warner, Swan View, Faythe, Wexford.

M. McCormack, Park Cottage, New Ross.

Robert Freeman, Irishtown, New Ross.

Thomas Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

The various candidates having been questioned as to their knowledge of Irish and of Shorthand and typing, Mr McCormack withdrew his application as he had no knowledge of Shorthand and typing.

It was then decided that a poll be taken without the formality of proposing or seconding candidates.

The following is the result of first Poll:-

For Hayes:- Messrs Kavanagh, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, M. Doyle, Hall and James Doyle.- 7.

For Foley:- Messrs M. Byrne, James Byrne, Sinnott, John O'Byrne, Hughes, Corish, Cummins, and the Chairman.- 8.

For Freeman:- Messrs Lennon, Redmond, and J.J. O'Byrne.- 3.

For Tobin:- Messrs Murphy, Pender, and Shannon.- 3.

Warner received no vote.

A poll was then taken as between Freeman and Tobin in order to ascertain which would come into second poll.

For Freeman:- Messrs M. Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne, and Cummins.- 6.



For Tobin:- Messrs Kavanagh, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, Murphy, Hall, Sinnott, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey), Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon.- 13.

Mr M. Doyle and the Chairman did not vote.

Freeman accordingly fell out.

A poll was then taken between Hayes, Foley, and Tobin, with the following result:-

For Hayes:- Messrs Kavanagh, Lennon, Redmond, John J. O'Byrne, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, Michael Doyle, Murphy, Hall, and James Doyle.-11.

For Foley:- Messrs Michael Byrne, James Byrne, Sinnott, O'Byrne, (Gorey), Hughes, Corish, Cummins, and the Chairman.-8.

For Tobin:- Messrs Shannon and Pender.-2.

Hayes having received a majority of those present and voting was declared elected.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Stephen Hayes, 6 Court Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed clerical assistant in the offices of the Wexford County Council at a salary of £3 per week, to take up duty on 1st September 1920."

Applications were received from the following for the position of Assistant in the office of County Surveyor, at a salary of £78 per annum:-

J. E. Cosgrave, 11 Lr George Street, Wexford.

John Harpur, 1 Riverview Terrace, Wexford.

Denis Radford, St Peter's Square, Wexford.

John G. Turner, Rosslare.

John O'Leary, 47 Abbey Street, Wexford.

John Murphy, Ballyhow, Screen.

Richard O'Neill, Faythe, Wexford.

Stephen J. Furlong, 16 Sth Main Street, Wexford.

Peter Browne, 45 Main Street, Gorey.

O'Neill was not in attendance and his name was therefore not put forward as personal attendance was an essential for election.

The remainder of the Candidates were questioned as to their knowledge of Irish.

It was decided that a poll between the Candidates be taken without the



formality of proposing and seconding:-

The following was the result of the first poll:-

For Cosgrave:- Mr J. Cummins.-1.

For Radford:- Messrs Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Corish, Shannon, and the Chairman.-6.

For Turner:- Mr Michael Doyle.-1.

For O'Leary:- Messrs Devereux, John Murphy, -2.

For Murphy:- Messrs Kavanagh, and Kehoe.- 2.

For Furlong:- Messrs Cloney and Sinnott.- 2

For Browne:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Hall, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes, and Pender.-6.

For Harpur:- Nil.

Mr Michael Byrne did not vote.

Mr M. Doyle transferred his vote to Furlong, Mr Kavanagh, his vote to O'Leary, Mr Kehoe his vote to Radford, and Mr Cummins his vote to O'Leary

Owing to this, Cosgrave, Turner, and Murphy fall out and next poll stood as follows:-

For Radford:- Messrs Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Kehoe, Corish, Shannon and the Chairman.- 7.

For O'Leary:- Messrs Kavanagh, Devereux, Murphy, and Cummins.-4.

For Furlong:- Messrs Cloney, Michael Doyle, and Sinnott.-3.

For Browne:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Hall, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes and Pender.-6.

Mr Michael Byrne did not vote.

Furlong having fallen out a poll was taken as between Messrs Radford, O'Leary, and Browne, with the following result:-

For Radford:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Kehoe, Sinnott Corish, Shannon, and the Chairman.- 9.

For O'Leary:- Messrs Kavanagh, Devereux, Michael Doyle, Murphy, and Cummins.-5

For Browne:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Cloney, Hall James Doyle, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Hughes and Pender.-7.

O'Leary then fell out and the final poll resulted as follows:-

For Radford:- Messrs M. Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Kehoe, Devereux, M. Doyle, Sinnott, Corish, Shannon, and the Chairman.-11.

For Browne:- Messrs Kavanagh, J. J. O'Byrne, Cloney, Murphy, Hall, James Doyle, O'Byrne, Hughes, Pender, and Cummins.- 10.



Radford was therefore declared elected.

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

"That Denis Radford, St Peter's Square, Wexford, be appointed Clerical Assistant in the office of County Surveyor, at a salary of £78 per annum, to take up duty on 1st September 1920."

Audit of Accounts & Orders of Local Government Board.

Under date 29th July 1920, the following circular letter was read from the Local Government Board, No. 122M. 1920, Miscellaneous:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that their attention has been called to the series of resolutions passed by certain Local Authorities in Ireland repudiating the authority of the Imperial Parliament and declaring their intention to place every obstacle in the way of the existing administration under His Majesty's Government.

In view of the possible effect of this policy upon the responsibilities of the Departments under the control of Parliament, which regulate the issue of loans and subsidies to public bodies in Ireland, the Government have given the Board explicit instructions that no loans or grants from public funds for any purpose shall be made by the Local Government Board to any Authority without a definite assurance that they will submit their accounts to audit and be prepared to conform to the rules and Orders of the Local Government Board, as heretofore.

The Board have observed that, concurrently with the adoption of the resolutions above referred to, many local authorities are engaged in the preparation of schemes for housing, road construction and public health improvements, all of which involve loans and large subsidies from the Imperial Exchequer. They, therefore, deem it right to give early intimation that unless the applications for the loans and grants from these Authorities are accompanied by an assurance, as aforesaid, it will not be within the discretion of the Local Government Board to entertain them.

In this connection, the Board desire to point out that the new Councils seem to be under a misconception as to the purport of the regulations and orders of the Local Government Board. These Orders were not framed with a view of restricting the authority of the Councils, their sole object and intention is to secure efficiency and uniformity in the system of administration, and to safeguard the interests of the ratepayers throughout the country."



Under date 4th August 1920, a similar circular (19394-20) was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the letters from Local Government Board and Dublin Castle as to submission of accounts of County Council for audit and as to assurance on the part of the Council to carry out all orders of the Local Government Board, be referred to Special Meeting of the County Council to be held when direction of Irish County Councils' General Council on this matter has been received."

#### New Auditor.-County Council Accounts,

Under date 2nd July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 104M-1920) that the accounts of the Wexford County Council, would, until further notice, be audited by Mr J.A.Reddy, in lieu of Mr C. D. Barry K. C., resigned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) :-

"That the letter of the Local Government Board as to appointment of Mr Reddy to audit the accounts of Wexford County Council be referred to next Special Meeting of the County Council."

#### Audit Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy Union and Rural District, and Wexford Union and Rural District.

"No Order"

#### Rate Collection.-Mr John Ryan.

Under date 13th July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 45120-1920) stating they would raise no objection to the appointment of Mr Philip Ryan as deputy Collector for his brother, Collector J. A. Ryan, during the current half-year.

"No Order"

#### Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 28th July 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that an officer of the Department obtained at New Ross Market on 11th June two samples of butter for analysis. One was found to contain 20.8 per cent water. A communication had been addressed to the Council regarding the analysis of the latter sample.



The Secretary stated that the Council had referred the report of Analyst as to alleged impure sample to an Arbitration Court.

"No Order"

Most Rev Dr Mannix.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the following telegram be sent Most Rev Dr Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne:-

"Wexford County Council in Assembly to-day send hearty greetings and eagerly await your Grace's return to the Irish Republic."

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Letter from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 1st May 1920, (No. W.B., 1014-20) relative to Bovine Tuberculosis Order was referred to.

This communication, which was adjourned from a previous meeting for the views of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council, pointed out that the Department would be prepared to sanction the following amounts as remuneration for work in connection with the Order:-

R. Malone, V. S., Wexford, J. Malone V. S. Gorey, and W. J. Doyle V. S., Enniscorthy, £50 each per annum, F. W. Taylor V. S., and A. Dobbryn, V. S., a proportionate amount for each on the basis of £50 for the entire New Ross Union District in the County Wexford. It was open to the Veterinary Inspectors to accept the alternative of payment of fees on the customary Scale adopted for such work. The Department would not agree to the fee of £1. 1/- for microscopical examination of milk, and could not see their way to sanction a higher fee than 10/6.

Under date 3rd August 1920, the following was read from the Veterinary Inspectors (to whom the communication of the Department had been submitted for their views):-

"In connection with the administration of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, we desire to point out, that the County Council sometime ago adopted a resolution that the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, fixing the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors concerned be referred to the latter to allow them to make any representations they wished at a subsequent meeting of the Council,

The salaries proposed by the Department were:- Messrs R. Malone, W. J. Doyle, and James Malone, £50 each, and Messrs Taylor and Dobbryn (New Ross Union) a proportionate amount for each on a basis of £50, further they suggested a sum



of 10/6 for each sample of milk examined.

In a previous communication the Department pointed out that when the Order was previously in force (pre war) they had intended sanctioning a salary of £40 each to Messrs R. Malone, W. J. Doyle, and J. Malone, and to divide a salary of £40 between Messrs Dohbyn and Taylor according to the extent of their districts. Now, dealing with the offer of the Department, they must admit, that the war bonus paid Civil Servants to-day is 135 per cent on their salaries so that the increase on the £40 (the suggested pre-war salary) would have brought the salary to £94 and not the £50 as stated by the Department, even taking their own figures. But considering the efficient working of the Order, we would submit that the resolution of the Council, arrived at after mature consideration, should stand. This proposed a salary of £130 each to Messrs R. Malone, W. J. Doyle, and J. Malone, and £65 each to Messrs Taylor and Dohbyn, and we submit that these figures are reasonable for the following reasons:-

- 1.- The Order is one of the gravest importance for the health of the community.
- 2.- It has been asserted that over 30 per cent of our Cattle are suffering from Tuberculosis.
- 3.- The Order should be comprehensively and rigorously carried out.
- 4.- To do this it is essential that the veterinary inspectors should be paid a salary that would furnish some inducement to have the disease stamped out.
- 5.- The cost of living and the expense of locomotion have so increased that the Council must recognise that the salaries proposed by the Department, and their suggested Scale of fees, would be merely a waste of money, and that it would not be possible for the veterinary inspectors to do what is really necessary to grapple with the disease, under the proposals of the Department without being at a financial loss.

This Order should be strenuously enforced or it should be dropped. No one will disagree with the absolute necessity (for the sake of our community and for the reputation of our live stock trade) of having the Order properly carried out and we are sure no one wishes that, if this be decided upon, the veterinary inspectors should receive a remuneration for their services which would go only a part of the way towards the payment of their locomotion expenses.

We therefore ask the County Council to request the Department to reconsider their decision and to agree to the moderate salaries adopted by the Council for your Veterinary Inspectors, and who we may observe, are carrying out the ordinary duties under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts at pre-war



salaries."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle,  
Seconded by Mr Sonnett:-

"That the correspondence in connection with the question of fixing remuneration to Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order be referred to the General Council Irish County Councils in order that uniform action be taken all over the County in connection with this Order."

Maintenance Live Stock (Calves and In-Calf Cows) Order 1920.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of above Order prohibiting the slaughter or exportation of Calves or in-calf cows as from 6th July 1920.

"No Order"

Council of Agriculture.

The following resolution was submitted from County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the Wexford County Council to adopt the resolution of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture calling for the resignation of the present Council of Agriculture and Board of Agriculture and to do all in their power to secure compliance with the wishes of this Committee in the matter."

The resolution of Cork County Committee of Agriculture is as follows-

"That we call upon the Council of Agriculture and the Board of Agriculture to immediately resign as they no longer represent the people of the Country, and that we call on all other Irish Committees of Agriculture to pass a similar resolution."

The resolution of Cork Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That copy of resolution as to resignation of Council of Agriculture be forwarded Mr John Bolger, one of the present representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture."

Application Increased Salary or War Bonus from Co. Surveyor.

Under date 19th May 1920, the County Surveyor wrote that as the matter of additional War Bonus to the County Council Officials was shortly to be considered by the County Council, he wished to put forward his application for



same. At the time his war bonus was originally granted it was not to the full extent even of the Civil Service recommendation, and of course now it compared very unfavourably with the new Civil Service Scale.

The matter was brought before the meeting of the Council on 26th May 1920, and adjourned, and at the meeting of 1st July 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors are to be considered at a future meeting, the application of the County Surveyor for War Bonus Award be adjourned to meeting at which the salaries of Assistant Surveyors will come up for consideration."

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor wrote under date 6th July 1920, that he was not connected in any way with the Municipal & County Engineers' Association referred to in the letter of the Assistant Surveyors read at the meeting of 1st July 1920, And his application was quite independent. It was under misapprehension that he agreed to his case being adjourned for consideration with that of the Assistant Surveyors. He now desired to have his case considered separately and asked the Council to grant him the same terms of salary adjustment as already granted to the other County Council Officials.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"That the salary of the County Surveyor as from this date be fixed at £716 (which includes a sum of £50 per annum for travelling expenses) and which is to replace present salary of £500, War Bonus of £100 and locomotion allowance of £50 per annum, total £650."

The Minute of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Devereux.

#### Sheep Dipping.

The Chairman called attention to the following extract from letter of Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann):-

"Clerks of County Councils should inform Sheep Owners that forms of Declaration of Sheep Dipping can be obtained at County Council Offices. Republican Members of Local Authorities should instruct farmers who have finished the work of Sheep Dipping to fill up and sign these declarations and bring the forms so completed to fairs and markets so that there can be no interference with the sale or shipping of Sheep Stock, opportunities might also be availed of at meetings of Councils which are reported in the Press to focus attention



on the fact that these forms are procurable at the County Council Offices."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That sheep dipping forms be at once procured by our Secretary, and a supply sent to each Rural District Council Office and to each County Councillor. That advertisements be inserted in the local Papers that these forms can be obtained from the aforementioned, and also at the office of the County Council."

Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, & Workmen.

Under date 26th July 1920, the following was read from Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser of Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"On behalf of the undermentioned classes of workers, members of above Union, in the employment of the County Council, I am instructed to demand the following improved rates of wages and conditions:-

- 1.- Time workers Roadmen. 50/- per week.
- do., Quarrymen. 60/- "
- 2.- Putting material through Stonebreaker. 2/- per c. yard.
- Stonebreaker men when travelling from } Same rate as Quarrymen.  
one Quarry to another. }
- 3.- Preparing material after Blasting. 2/6 per c. yard.
- 4.- Quarrying and Banking. 3/6 do.
- 5.- Engine Drivers. 70/- per week.
- 6.- Engine Oilers. 60/- do.,
- 7.- Timekeepers. 70/- do.,
- 8.- Quarry Foreman. 65/- do.,
- 9.- Drill Operator Aidan Nolan. 60/- do., plus travelling expenses.
- 10.- Breaking scablings by hand 2/6 per cubic yard.
- 11.- Carting material from Quarries. 3/- per c. yard per mile.
- 12.- Carrigeen Quarry rate to be 6d per c. yard in advance of Rate for other Quarries.
- 13.- A working week of 50 hours, i.e., 5 days of 9 hours each and half-day Saturdays.
- 14.- One week's holiday annually with payment.
- 15.- Payment for all Church Holydays.
- 16.- That wages which have been kept back from men (until they are leaving Council's employment) be paid up.
- 17.- That John Connolly, Thomas Carroll, John Mullett, John Murphy, and Patrick Neill, who were employed at Farrell's Quarry, Brownswood, and who were



stopped from working on the morning of Wednesday 7th July 1920, be given a week's wage in lieu of notice.

I trust these demands will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the County Council and that the demands will receive the Council's most favourable consideration."

The Council dealt with each class of worker separately.

Roadmen:- The County Surveyor stated that these men were receiving up to the present 8d per hour.

Mr Pender proposed:- "That Roadmen be paid in future at the rate of 1/- per hour"

Mr Sinnott seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr Redmond:-

"That the Roadmen be paid at 10d per hour."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Redmond, James Byrne, J. J. O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Cloney, Hall.-8.

Against:- Messrs Lennon, Devereux, Sinnott, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon, and the Chairman.10

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem con.

Quarrymen:- The County Surveyor stated that in most of the Quarries the rate was 8d per hour, in Tara hill 8d and in Ferrycarrig 10d the latter rate having been fixed recently.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That Quarrymen receive an advance of 25 per cent on their present wages."

The motion was not seconded.

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Hughes seconded:- "That quarrymen be paid 55/- per week for a week of 50 hours."

Mr James Byrne proposed:- "That quarrymen be paid 1/- per hour."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment of Mr J. Byrne with the following result:-

For amendment:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, John J O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Cloney, Hall, and the Chairman.-10.

Against:- Messrs Devereux, Sinnott, James Doyle, J. O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes,



The amendment was declared carried and was also passed as substantive motion.

Putting material through Stonebreaker:- The County Surveyor stated that present rate was  $1/2$  per cubic yard.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed, and Mr Corish seconded:-

"That  $1/9$  per cubic yard be allowed for putting material through Stonebreaker."

This resolution was adopted nem con.

Preparing Material after Blasting:- The County Surveyor stated that the old price was  $1/5$ .

Mr Cloney proposed  $1/9$  per cubic yard, but the proposition was not seconded.

Mr Corish proposed, Mr Shannon, seconded, and it was passed:-

"That  $2/12$  per cubic yard be fixed as the wage for preparing material after blasting."

Quarrying and Banking:- The County Surveyor stated that the old rate was  $2/6$  per cubic yard.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed  $3/6$ . Mr Hughes seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed that an increase of 25 per cent or  $3/12$  per cubic yard be paid."

Mr Redmond seconded.

The following voted for the amendment:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Cloney, Hall, James Doyle.- 10.

Against:- Messrs Devereux, Sinnott, J. J. O'Byrne, Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon, and the Chairman.- 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and it was subsequently carried as the substantive motion.

Engine Drivers:- Old rate £2. 15/-

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Sinnott seconded:- That the Engine Drivers of the County Council be paid £3. 10/- per week."

Passed.

Engine Oilers:- Old Rate £1. 10/-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the question of fixing wages of Engine Oilers be adjourned. That



the Enniscorthy Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union be requested to furnish further particulars as to what is the Engine Oilers' actual work. That, in the event of an increase being granted to Engine Oilers, it is to date as from the present meeting."

Timekeepers & Quarry Foremen:- Taken together as the duties are discharged by a single official. Wages paid at present are Doyle and Hendrick £2. Mernagh and Byrne £2. 10/- each, O'Kelly and McEvoy £2. 15/- each, and O'Gorman £3 per week.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That the wages of quarry foremen be fixed at £3. 5/- in each case."

Mr Shannon seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed-- "That the wages of quarry foremen be advanced by 5/- in each case."

Mr John J. O'Byrne seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment:-

For:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, and Hall.-10.

Against:- Messrs Sinnott, James Doyle, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon, and the Chairman.-8

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

Road Foremen:- The County Surveyor pointed out that under the proposed scheme of direct labour Road foreman should be employed and it would be advisable to fix their wages.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That Road Foremen be paid 55/- per week."

Mr Redmond seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr James Doyle seconded the following:-

"That Road foremen be paid £3 per week as wages."

After discussion it was decided to adjourn the consideration of this matter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

Drill Operator Aidan Nolan:- The County Surveyor stated that when engaged at working rock drill this man was paid £2. 15/- per week, and he was paid £3 when fixing drills and steels.

Mr Sinnott proposed, Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded and it was passed:- "That the wages of Aidan Nolan, Drill Operator, be fixed at £3 per week."



Breaking Scablings by hand:- The County Surveyor stated that the present rate was 2/- per cubic yard. Very little work of this kind would be necessary.

Mr Corish proposed, Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded and it was passed:-

"That the rate of breaking scablings by hand be fixed at 2/6 per cubic yard."

Carting Material from Quarries:- The County Surveyor stated that the present rate was from 1/4 to 2/- per cubic yard, except at Ferrycarrig in which quarry a special rate had to be agreed to owing to a short haulage.

Mr Sinnott proposed:- "That the fixing of rate per cubic yard per mile for carting material from Quarries and all other demands made by the Transport Union submitted to this meeting and set out on agenda paper be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Mr Devereux seconded.

"Passed"

#### Death of Rate Collector E. Somers.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Edward Somers, Rate Collector, for No. 9 Collection District, and which took place on 29th July.

The Finance Committee at their meeting of 15th July 1920, made the following recommendation in view of Mr Somers' illness.

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of the appointment by Mr E. Somers of his son-James- to act as deputy Collector for No. 9 Collection District in respect of Collection for present half-year, Mr E. Somers and his Sureties to be responsible for the close of the collection. We further recommend the Council to favourably consider the granting of a reasonable extension of time for the close of the collection."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted--

"That our Secretary be instructed to advertise for new collector for No. 9 Collection District vice Mr Edward Somers, deceased, Remuneration-Poundage 7d in the £ and Statutory fees under Voters & Jurors Acts, Appointment to be made on Thursday 2nd September 1920."

"That in consequence of the death of Collector Somers the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to deputy be not confirmed."

#### Loans for Machinery & Road Improvement.

Under date 8th July 1920, the Dail Eireann General Secretariat, wrote that as regards money for road improvement, very careful consideration

was given to this question, but the Ministry feel that it would not



be possible at present for the Dail to undertake the financing of Schemes of this nature.

Under date 14th July 1920, Mr C. J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Board had sanctioned the Loans applied, for £21,000 for purchase of road machinery, and £4415 for steamrolling, when the Council has received the necessary permission from the Ministry of Transport. These loans would be for a period of five years and to bear Interest at 7 per cent.

The Finance Committee at meeting of 15th July had considered this letter and had adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Chairman, Councillor Corish, and the Secretary, wait upon Mr Cronin, Manager, Munster & Leinster Bank, and ascertain from him upon what terms his Directors would be prepared to advance loans for Road Improvement Works to the Wexford County Council."

The Secretary stated that the deputation had had a long interview with Mr Cronin. The latter wrote under date 24th July 1920, as follows:-

"In reply to yours of 16th inst., the matter of which I have put before my Directors, who are very thankful for the proposal made to them on behalf of the County Council of Wexford, but they regret they are not in a position to offer better terms as to the rate in connection with the account, than these quoted in your letter to me."

Under date 26th July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote that the applications of the County Council for sanction for these loans had been received and would receive the attention of the Board.

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

"That consideration of correspondence etc., dealing with loans be adjourned pending the receipt of decision of meeting of Co. Councils' General Council on the Circular letters from Local Government Board, and Dublin Castle as to audit of County Council Accounts etc.,"

#### Ferrybank Seaplane Station.

The Secretary stated that Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, had received from the Chief Land Agent, General Headquarters, draft for £180 amount agreed on for acceptance by the County Council in lieu of replacing road at Ferrybank, Wexford. The amount had been lodged to the credit of the Council.

Marked "Read"



Superannuation Collector Moore.

Under date 5th July 1920, the Local Government Board forwarded Order No. 37221-1920, fixing amount of superannuation allowance to Mr Nicholas Moore, ex Rate Collector at £82. 12. 5d.

Marked "Read"

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary stated that the following marks had been obtained at recent Intermediate Examinations by Candidates applying for University Scholarships:-

1.- Laurence Joseph Walsh, Town View, Gorey.	1487 marks.
2.- James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin, Gorey.	1293 "
3.- Leo Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford.	980 "
4.- Mary O'Rourke, St Peter's Sq., Wexford.	955 "
5.- Thomas V. McGrath, George Street, Gorey.	742 "
6.- Stephen Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.	623 "
7.- Aidan Redmond, Ballysampsen, Taggart. (failed in Irish)	
8.- Patrick J. Gibbons, Millpark Rd., Enniscorthy. (failed in English).	

The Chairman proposed, and Mr Corish seconded, the confirmation of the following Minute of Finance Committee:-

"That University Scholarships be granted Laurence Joseph Walsh, James Hayden, Leo Sullivan, and Mary O'Rourke, these Candidates having secured the four highest places at the recent Intermediate Examinations."

Surrender of Road Contracts.

Under date 19th July 1920, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding list of Road Contractors who desired to surrender their Contracts. Opposite each was marked the number of cubic yards of material on contract and which had been provided by the Contractor. This should be paid for by the Council, or otherwise the Contractors reserved the right to remove it.

In conclusion Messrs Huggard & Brennan wrote:-

"In addition to this the resignation of the Contractors is without prejudice to the Contractors' rights to be paid a proportionate part of the contract from the date of the last payment to the date of the resignation and also we understand that in some cases there is a hanging quarter, which would not be paid in the ordinary course of things until the contract had expired. This quarter must be paid at the time of the resignation of the contract.

The Contracts referred to are:- 25W, 163W, 170W, 168W, 128W, 129W,



132W, 173W, 94W, 33W, 187W, 230W, 193W, 223W, 222W, 225W, 141W, 185W, 154W, 149W, 160W, 157W, 209W, 207W, 210W, 211W, 215W, 216W, 186W, 192W, 214W, 212W, 166W, 219W, 42W, 43W, 220W, 217W, 44W, 156W.

The County Surveyor wrote to Messrs Huggard & Brennan, under date 20th July 1920, that in regard to material placed on the road the Council would be willing to take it over at an agreed price, if a satisfactory settlement could not be arrived at, he (County Surveyor) suggested that value should be settled by Arbitration.

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's letter:-

"In the case of a hanging quarter, that is, when the contract is taken in the month of June, and where, up to date of completion, a whole year's tonnage has been put out, in this case certainly the contractor is entitled to the quarter's pay from the 31st March to 30th June. In the event of their having short tonnage last year of course there would be a proportionate reduction of this quarter's pay.

With regard to the contracts having commenced in the month of March I do not consider that the majority of contractors are entitled to any payment except that as set out in paragraph one for material now on the road. It is my experience and observation that little or no real work has been done on the majority of contracts for the past three months and such little attention as may have been given is well covered by the concession made by the County Council in accepting the surrender of the contracts.

There are exceptional cases where more or less extensive work has been necessary and done by contractors in the past three months and I would be prepared to deal with these on their merits.

With regard to payment of any money that might be payable to the contractors under the terms of the surrender I think contractors will have to wait until the usual period of dealing with such, that is, next Autumn Meetings, as, in the original condition of the contracts continuing, such payment would only be made then."

Applications to surrender their contracts were also received by the Secretary from Contractors of the following:- 78G, 92G, 94G, 183G, 190G, 27E, & 28E, 174E, 6G.

The County Surveyor stated he had a letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, agreeing to his suggestions,

Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, wrote under date 7th August 1920, that he was contractor for seven roads in Enniscorthy Rural District. He was to



have been provided with a drill and breaker but the Enniscorthy R. D. Council would not guarantee to be responsible for the loss on working of quarries and machinery, so that all work of this description was stopped for over four months leaving three men and two horses idle. When the machinery was available in March 1920, it was too late to carry out the work. He was over £200 short in his money last May between what had been "struck off" and "deferred". It cost him £40 for feeding for his horses during the time the work was held up. It was only justice he should receive his deferred money, if not he would have to take action.

The County Surveyor did not dispute the statement made by Mr Hyland, who was in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Pender, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of payment to Mr Joseph Hyland, for his road contracts in the circumstances mentioned in his letter of 7th August 1920, be referred to Arbitration."

Laurence Doyle, Ballybrittas, Bree, in asking to be relieved of Contract 329E, stated that, as he could not get material in June or July, he could not perform the contract, his horses would be immediately engaged at harvest work. In regard to road 319E, which the Council had taken off his hands, he claimed payment for sudden damage order for drainage and £1. 12. 3d for 12½ yards extra surface material.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) :-

"That the question for payment for Sudden Damage Order and extra material on Road 319E, be referred back to the County Surveyor to reconsider and report. That Mr James Doyle and Mr Shannon inspect this road in conjunction with the County Surveyor."

Mr James Fitzpatrick, Ballybrittas, Bree, relative to surrender of roads 328E, 331E, and 79W, hoped he would be paid for what was due on contracts, 331E & 79W.- 6 yards on 331E, and 2 yards on 79W. He was £13 short in payment last May.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish full report as to claim made by Laurence Fitzpatrick, Ballybrittas, in reference to his road contracts."



William Murphy, Ruanmore, Kilmuckridge, applied to the Council for a reduction of 20 yards of tonnage or an increase of £10 on Contracts 181G and 179G, which were entered into under the impression that the resolution of the Rural District Council that a War Bonus be granted Contractors would become effective.

"This Contractor was informed that the County Council could not agree to his request and the only course open to him was to surrender the contracts which he stated he was willing to do."

Mr James Rossiter, Toberlamina, Blackwater, appeared before the meeting in support of his application that the County Council should take over Road 174E.

James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart, wrote that at the Gorey R. D. Council meeting of 22nd April last, when he handed in tender for Road 183G for £56, the R. D. Council had passed a resolution to give 50 per cent War Bonus. As he saw no war bonus would be granted he asked the Council to reduce the tonnage to 56 yards.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we agree to take over road contracts of James Rossiter, Toberlamina, Blackwater, and James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart, the County Surveyor to assess the amount of any payment which he considers has been earned by these contractors.

That the correspondence of Messrs Huggard & Brennan and all other applications for surrender of Road Contracts be submitted to next meeting of the Council."

#### Erection of Gullet.

Laurence Doyle, Ballybrittas, Bree, applied for permission to make a gullet across the road from one of his fields to another,- road from the cross of Ballyhogue to cross of Kereight- and work to be carried out at his own expense.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the application of Mr Laurence Doyle, Ballybrittas, Bree, for erection of gullet be referred to the County Surveyor for report."

#### St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following reports of Committee dealing with the question of obtaining St Brigid's



Inebriate Home were received:-

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd August 1920,

Present:- Dr Ryan (presiding) and J. Sinnott.

The County Surveyor and County Secretary were also in attendance.

Letters under date 21st July 1920, from Rev Mother St John of God, Convent, Wexford, and from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, under date 27th July 1920, as to the tenancy of St Brigid's Home were read.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to inspect St Brigid's Home and to examine the accounts of £2111 submitted by the Community of St John of God in connection with the improvements which were carried out at the building. That the County Surveyor also arrange for an inspection of the premises by the Committee prior to next meeting of the County Council."

A further meeting of the Committee was held on 9th August 1920, the following being in attendance:-

Dr Ryan, Messrs John Sinnott, and G. Devereux, The County Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Having exhaustively examined the premises the Committee adopted the following:-

"We recommend the County Council to take over St Brigid's Inebriate Home Wexford, as County Offices and pay the Community of St John of God Wexford, a sum of £2111 which they have spent in improving the premises, as we understand from the County Surveyor that practically the entire of this expenditure should have been incurred in the first instance by the County Council had they decided on utilizing the premises as offices, after they had been handed over by the Prison Authorities, We believe that by using the premises for (1) County Council Offices and County Surveyor's Offices, (2) Machinery Ward and Shop, (3) Storage for machinery parts and for Coal, (4) setting portion of premises not required for County premises to public bodies and to private individuals, the capital sum now recommended to be repaid to the Community of St John of God Convent would be soon realised and a substantial saving effected.

No structural alterations will be necessary and the only outlay will be confined to furniture and fittings."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Pay Order for £2,111 compensation for improvements effected by



Community of St John of God at St Brigid's Home, be drawn at this meeting and paid over to the Rev Mother of the Community on her surrender of the premises. That the Committee entrusted with the consideration of this matter be authorised to take over the premises and arrange for any further details necessary to prepare the place for offices of the County Council."

No. 6 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Mr Pender proposed:- "That Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 6 (Ferns & Newtownbarry) be requested to arrange for holding alternate meetings in Ferns and Newtownbarry as prevailed in the past. That in the event of the Clerk to this Committee refusing to arrange for meetings in Ferns we consider the Sub-Committee should call for her resignation."

Mr Shannon seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Resignation of R. Ms. D. Ls. and J. Ps.,

Mr Lennon proposed, Mr Kavanagh seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That we call on Resident Magistrates, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace to resign their Commission forthwith."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment for fixed items etc., as submitted by our Secretary and as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted. That certain claims in connection with Courthouses etc., be postponed to Special Meeting to be held after the forthcoming meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council."

Carriage of Explosives.

In his report the County Surveyor stated:- "For sometime I have found it impossible to arrange for blasting work in the County Council Quarries. If this work cannot shortly be carried out, I would recommend the Council to close down the Quarries, otherwise we will be under heavy expense with practically no return."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"In view of the fact that the Irish County Councils' General Council are, at a meeting to be held shortly, to deal with consideration of this (amongst other matters) we hereby adjourn consideration of same to Special meeting which will be held to consider the recommendations of the meeting of the General Council."



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"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman,  
seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey)."

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this      day of                      1920.



SPECIAL MEETING.-24th AUGUST 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th August 1920.

Present:- Mr Albert F. Smith (Deputy Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs R. Corish, Michael Doyle, John Sinnott, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, John O'Byrne, Michael Cloney, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, John Cummins, James Doyle, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, J. J. O'Byrne, and Philip Lennon.

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

Financial position of Council.

The meeting was called by directions of the Chairman of the Council, (Mr J. R. Etchingham) "to consider the present and future financial position of the Council and to make any order or provision necessary thereto."

In connection with this matter Circular letter under date 29th July 1920, No. 122M. 1920, Miscellaneous, from the Local Government Board was read. The Local Government Board pointed out that no loans or grants would be made to any local authority without a definite assurance that the accounts would be submitted to audit and the local authority be prepared to conform to the rules and orders of the Local Government Board.

Under date 4th August 1920, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, (letter 19394-1920) wrote that the Lord Lieutenant was with-holding further payments from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account until a definite assurance is received from the Authorities concerned that they will distribute the money to the services for which it was assigned by Statute, that the Accounts would be submitted to the Local Government Board for Audit, and that the local bodies would conform to the rules and orders of the Local Government Board.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 2nd July 1920, (104M. 1920) was read stating that until further notice the accounts of the County Council would be audited by Mr J. A. Reddy, vice Mr C. D. Barry, K. C., resigned.

These letters had been referred to the present special meeting.

There was also read in connection with this matter correspondence



with the County Treasurer (National Bank, Wexford Branch), Mr C. J. Feely, Manager of Bank, wrote, under date 14th July 1920, that his Board had sanctioned Loan of £21,000 for purchase of Road Machinery, and £4415 for steam-rolling, when the Council had received the sanction of the Ministry of Transport, loans to be for a period of five years and to bear Interest at 7 per cent.

Under date 24th July 1920, Mr J. F. Cronin, Manager, Wexford Branch, Munster & Leinster Bank, wrote, that his directors were not in a position to offer any better terms for these loans than what were offered by the National Bank.

Under date 26th July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote that the application for loans had been received and would have the attention of the Board.

The following notice of motion by Mr Lennon also came up for discussion

"That we the County Council of Wexford dismiss the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, from the Treasurership of the County. That a copy of this resolution be furnished forthwith to the Manager of the National Bank."

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh, seconded by Mr Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary be instructed not to produce the books and Accounts of this Council to the Auditor of the Local Government Board."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That consideration of letters from Local Government Board under date 29th July, No. 122M. 1920, and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 4th August 1920, all letters in connection with loans and Notice of Motion by Mr Philip Lennon as to dismissal of National Bank from County Treasurership stand adjourned for the present."

#### Claims for Workers.

Under date 26th July 1920, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, had made certain claims for increased wages. A number of these were dealt with at the meeting of the Council on the 11th August, but the following had been referred to the present meeting:-

- 1.- Engine Oilers, demand 60/- per week.
- 2.- Stonebreaker men when travelling from same rate as Quarrymen.



- 3.- Road Foreman. New Employee.
- 4.- Carting material from Quarries. 3/- per cubic yard per mile.
- 5.- Carrigeen quarry rate to be 6d per cubic yard in advance of rate for other quarries.
- 6.- A working week of 50 hours, i.e., 5 days of 9 hours each, and half day Saturdays.
- 7.- One week's holidays annually with payment.
- 8.- Payment for all Church Holydays.
- 9.- That wages which had been kept back from men until they are leaving Council's employment, be paid up.
- 10.- That John Connolly, Thomas Carroll, John Mullett, John Murphy, and Patrick Neill, who were employed at Farrell's quarry, Brownswood, and who were stopped from working on the morning of Wednesday 7th July 1920, be given a week's wages in lieu of Notice."

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance Committee:-

"That Stonebreaker gang when travelling from one quarry to another be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, attended on behalf of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union.

Engine Oilers:- Mr Cummins proposed:- "That the wages of Engine Oilers be fixed at £3 per week."

This motion was not seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That the wages of Engine Oilers be fixed at £2 per week."

Mr Michael Doyle seconded.

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That the wages be fixed at 50 per week the same as quarrymen's wages."

Mr John Murphy seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment of Mr O'Byrne with the following result:-  
For Amendment:- Messrs J. Cummins, Lennon, Michael Byrne, Murphy, Devereux, Kavanagh, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish, J.J.O'Byrne, and the Chairman (Mr A. F. Smith).-12.

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Simon Kehoe, M. Doyle, M. Cloney.-4

The Chairman having declared the amendment carried, it was then put as the substantive motion and passed nem con.

Road Foremen:- Mr Corish proposed:- "That Road Foremen be paid at the rate of £3 per week."

Mr Culleton seconded.

As an amendment Mr Lennon proposed:-



"That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare particulars for next meeting of County Council of the roads to be maintained by direct labour and the number of men to be allotted to those Roads. That pending the presentation of this statement the Council take no action relative to the fixing of wages of Road Foremen."

Mr James Byrne seconded.

A poll was taken on the Amendment of Mr Lennon with the following result:-

For Amendment:- Messrs Lennon, James Byrne, Devereux, Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, M. Doyle, and M. Cloney.-7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Michael Byrne, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish, J. J. O'Byrne, and the Chairman (Mr A.F. Smith).-8.

Mr J. Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As a further amendment Mr Michael Byrne proposed:-

"That Road Foremen be paid 55/- per week and be responsible for Roads under their charge."

Mr M. Cloney seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr M. Byrne's amendment with the following result-

For:- Messrs Lennon, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, J. Murphy, Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, and M. Cloney.-9.

Against:- Messrs J. Cummins, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish, and the Chairman. (Mr A. F. Smith).-6.

Mr G. Devereux did not vote.

The Chairman having declared the amendment carried, it was then put as the substantive motion and passed.

Carting Material from Quarries:- After considerable discussion and a proposal by Mr Corish to refer the matter back to Transport & General Workers' Union, and a second proposal by Mr Michael Byrne that no action be taken pending the consideration of particulars as to how this item was paid in other Counties, Mr O'Donoghue stated he would withdraw the demand for the present and endeavour later on to present it in a more concrete form.

CarrigeEn Quarry:- No action was taken, the Council deciding to wait until it was ascertained how new rate of 2/1<sup>2</sup> for quarrying after blast works out in the case of this particular quarry.

Working Week of 50 hours:- Mr Corish proposed:- "That the demand by the Transport & General Workers' Union for a 50 hours week, i.e., 5 days



of 9 hours each, and half day Saturday be conceded."

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed that a 54 hour week be fixed for the employes of the Council.

Mr M Doyle seconded.

For the Amendment there voted:- Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, Cloney.-7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Lennon, G. Devereux, James Doyle, Chairman, (A.F. Smith) John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish.-8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and on the resolution being put to the meeting it was passed nem con.

Mr Michael Doyle proposed, Mr James Byrne seconded, and it was passed:- "That the manual workers of this Council in quarries and on roads be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour for each hour worked not exceeding 50 hours in each week."

Week's Holidays:- Mr Corish proposed Mr Culleton seconded:-

"That the application of the Workers of this Council for a week's annual holiday with payment be adjourned until first meeting of the County Council after conclusion of the present financial year."

"Passed".

Payment for Church Holydays:- Mr Cloney proposed and Mr M. Doyle seconded the following which was adopted nem con:-

"That the employees of the Council be paid for all Catholic holydays."

No. 9 (wages kept back):- After discussin this claim was withdrawn as it was ascertained that no wages were ever held back except for the period from Saturday to the succeeding meeting of the Finance committee, and the omitted payment was always included in next payment, so that the payment was always only three or four days in arrear.

Farrell's Quarry Brownswood:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne:-

"That the demand of Messrs Connolly, Carroll, Mullett, Murphy, and Neill, be refused."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards fixing the rate of payment for stonebreaker Gang when travelling from one quarry to another was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton.

Under date 30th July 1920, the following letter was read from Mr M.



O'Donoghue2-

"I have received a complaint from Loughlin Doyle and his son John Doyle, who were employed by the County Council on the roads in the Kiltale District, to the effect that they repeatedly asked the Assistant Surveyor-Mr R. J. Ennis- for an increase in their wages of 26/- each per week, and that they received no increase. Further, that they were dismissed on the 19th June and that at that time the sum of 10/- was due to each of them.

I would be glad if your Council would inquire into these matters and see what can be done for these men."

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the complaint of Loughlin Doyle and John Doyle as to rate of wages paid them be referred to Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for an explanation and particularly as to whether those men were paid at quarry rate when engaged at quarry work."

Under date 30th July 1920, Mr O'Donoghue, wrote:-

"On behalf of William Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, in the employment of the County Council, I am instructed to demand payment of 4d per mile to cover expenses for motor cycle.

This was inadvertently omitted from General Demand presented on 26th inst."

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That the application be refused."

Mr Kavanagh seconded.

As an Amendment, Mr Corish proposed:- "That wages of William Murphy, be fixed at £5 per week, and that no locomotion expenses be paid him."

Mr Cummins seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr Corish's Amendment with the following result:-

For Amendment:- Messrs Cummins, Smith, James Doyle, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Culleton, Corish.-6.

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Cloney, and the Chairman. (Dr Ryan).-3.

Messrs Lennon and Devereux did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the original resolution was then put and passed.

#### Application.-Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 10th August 1920, Mr J. Smith, Hon Sec., Institution of



Municipal Engineers (Irish Branch) wrote asking the Council to make the following Orders at next meeting:-

Fixing minimum salary of each Assistant Surveyor at £400, rising (by annual increments of £20) to £600 per annum, (past service to count towards these increments) that salaries and expenses be kept as distinct items in the remuneration in all cases and be paid monthly, that locomotion expenses be allowed on the following Scale:- for hired horse drawn cars and for motor cars, - actual outlay, 1/- per mile for officers own motor cars, 6d per mile for officers own motorcycles or cycle cars, first class railway fare, £1. 1/- for each night unavoidably absent from home on official business, and 7/6 for each eight hour day absent from same cause.

The Finance Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the application on behalf of Assistant Surveyors for increased salary and also for locomotion expenses be referred back to the Institution of Municipal Engineers (Irish Branch). That the latter be asked if they have affiliated with the Irish Trade Union Congress, and, if not, their reason for non-affiliation."

Under date 23rd August 1920, Mr J. Smith, Hon Sec., Institution of Municipal Engineers (Irish Branch) wrote that the question of affiliation with the Irish Trades Union Congress never came before the Council of his Institution. It was important for the Council to have an efficient and contented Staff, and the Roads and Works of the County supervised in an "expeditious" manner. The Assistant Surveyors were hard working and thoroughly loyal to their employers and the County Council should meet their demands in a fair-minded and liberal manner when good results are sure to ensue."

Mr Cloney proposed, and Mr M. Doyle seconded the following which was adopted nem con:- "That the minute of the Finance Committee be confirmed and that no further action be taken on the application of the Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary."

#### Surrender of Road Contracts.

Letter under date 19th July 1920, from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of a number of Road Contractors surrendering their Contracts and letter of County Surveyor under date 20th July 1920 to Messrs Huggard & Brennan, and as set out on Minutes of last meeting of the County Council, were read.



The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee.

"We recommend the County Council to fall in with the suggestions of the County Surveyor in his letter of 20th July 1920, to Messrs Huggard & Brennan and to agree in principle with the proposals contained therein. That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be requested to furnish at once what would be the cost of the surrender of each particular road contract in respect of which application for surrender has been received. That, as from this date, no further surrender of Roads, the contracts for which were entered into prior to June 1918, be entertained, as sufficient publication relative to the decision of the Council in the matter has been given."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the Minute of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

New Ross-Wexford Road.

Under date 31st July 1920, Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote:- "That in spite of instructions given by the County Council to the County Surveyor as regards the New Ross-Wexford Road, the utmost that had been done was the banking out of stones, and in some places spreading, but in all cases without any display of judgment but merely dumping on the road and allowing the traffic to do the rest.

For sometime owing to the condition of the road he had been obliged to go to Wexford through Clonroche and Sparrowsland and as to that road from Ballybrennan to Killurin was bad, but it could be got over by picking one's way. The Ballybrennan and Camross section is positively dangerous and he would ask one of the Council to motor over it at his (Dr Hearn's) expense. He had asked the County Surveyor in the strongest manner possible to level the part complained of and so give it an opportunity of consolidating in the fine weather, and not leave it over to the winter when such an operation must be done and the whole surface become a quagmire.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Dr Hearn be informed that the County Surveyor is doing what is possible in face of great difficulty to have New Ross- Wexford road put into proper repair."

Superannuation of Mr R. Earle, Rate Collector.

Under date 14th August 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors,



Wrote :-

"Mr Robert Earle, of Ballynahoun, Wells, Gorey, has handed us your letter to him of the 13th inst., in which you inform him that the County Council by resolution dated 11th inst., granted him a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum as Rate Collector.

It is evident that your Council has not taken into consideration the average earnings of Mr Earle in respect of his position as poor Rate Collector for the past three years. His earnings were as follows:-

1917 - 18,	£131.	1.	11
1918 - 19,	157.	11.	9
1919 - 20.	182.	4.	10
	<u>£470.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>6</u>

The average on above for three years would be £156. 19. 6d. On this average he is entitled to two-thirds as superannuation allowance, namely £104. 13. 0. This is the sum which Mr Earle is entitled to receive from the Council and he does not see why he should accept any less and he will not.

We are sure that on reconsideration your Council will see that our Client is not claiming any sum that is unfair or unjust. He only wants what he is entitled to and we are sure that your Council when the matter is brought before it will give him what he is entitled to.

We shall thank you to let us hear from you in reply."

Mr Corish stated he would hand in Notice of Motion for consideration of next Meeting of the County Council that the amount of superannuation voted Mr Earle ex-Rate Collector be re-considered.

#### Audit of Accounts of Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 18th August 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (50535-1920, Wexford Co. Infirmary) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Co. Wexford Infirmary in respect of year ended 31st March 1920.

"No Order"

#### Proposed Surrender of Courthouses.

Under date 14th August 1920, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, in connection with proposed surrender of the tenancy of the various Courthouses of the County:-

"Yours with resolution re above (Courthouses) received and I will look into the matter. The only difficulty I see is to ascertain the Tenure of the County Sessions Houses, whether they are held by Lease or not.



The Courthouses at Wexford, Enniscorthy, and Gorey, are held under lease and I have the particulars of same. The lease of Enniscorthy was made to the County Council only a few years ago.

I do not know how the Ross Courthouse is held, but I presume there is a lease on it also.

Unless the landlords consent to accept a surrender in these cases the Council are bound to keep them on.

Of course the buildings are the property of the Council."

"The meeting having considered Mr Elgee's letter decided to make "No Order" thereon."

#### Courtown Harbour.

The following extracts from Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee were submitted to the meeting:-

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee desire to bring under the notice of the County Council the bad state of the Bar, boats being unable to get out which occasions much unemployment in the neighbourhood."

"That we request the County Council to increase the present inadequate wage of the Harbour Master of Courtown Harbour."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish special report as to improvements which he considers should be carried out at Courtown Harbour in order to improve the Bar."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of remuneration to be paid the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, be placed on agenda for next meeting."

#### County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I am submitting a recommendation to the Proposal Committee for the re-building of Mountgarrett Bridge I have gone into the estimate with Mr Burden, Kilkenny County Surveyor, and Mr Delap, Consulting Engineer and we do not think it would be possible to have the work carried out under £18,000.

I also submit recommendation for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge, this item was omitted from the recommendations at the May Meeting, and as the old contract had expired I arranged with the former contractor to look



after the Bridge until the new proposal can come into operation on the 1st September, and I propose paying him under Damage Order.

I shall submit to the Meeting particulars with regard to the rebuilding of Wexford Bridge on the site opposite the Courthouse. This work cannot be carried out at a less cost than £100,000.

I had arranged with the Department Engineer to have the cleaning of Kilmore Harbour carried out by ordinary labour, but the work has fallen through owing to the difficulty about rate of wages and I submit letter from the Department on this matter.

I have as directed by the Council put in hands the work of rebuilding the wall at Courtown Harbour under "Direct Labour" and the work is now in progress.

I am making arrangements to carry out the work of tying up the retaining wall at Deeps Bridge under "Direct Labour" and have placed an order for the iron work for same after having invited tenders from a number of Firms. I propose starting the work there as soon as the iron work comes to hand.

I received a letter from Mr Elgee with regard to the Railway Bridges in the County over which public roads pass. It would appear that our agreements with the several Companies terminate shortly and I consider that new arrangements should be made with the Companies as the present cash allowance made to the County Council is quite insufficient with existing prices for maintenance. I shall submit Mr Elgee's letter at the Meeting.

I have to report that excessive damage has been caused to a number of roads by heavy traction and lorry traffic. Some of this traffic is I believe covered by ordinary rules but a portion of it is caused by haulage of timber which is "Extraordinary Traffic" and the persons causing the damage are liable for same. I would suggest that the Council appoint a Committee to deal with this matter and to advise the Council as to what steps should be taken. I submit list of damaged roads.

In conformity with the terms of the Council's resolution I put advertisement in the local papers notifying contractors that they could surrender contracts under certain conditions and I have received notification from a large number of them. In Wexford there are 95 surrendered Contracts, in New Ross 22, in Gorey 10, and in Enniscorthy 9. I expect that in Wexford District the reason so many surrendered was that they were for a long period extending back from 1915 when the prices were extremely low. In dealing with the untendered contracts and the special drainage



work ordered by the Council I found it quite impossible to group the roads until I had a list of surrendered ones also and I now have these grouped and I shall endeavour to start the work at once. With reference to the surrendered roads the money available would be insufficient and what I propose doing is to expend the money at the foot of the contract and submit supplemental proposals to the Rural District Councils at the Autumn Meetings. In order to carry out the Council's orders with regard to "Direct Labour" I propose in future to bring forward proposals for each in two parts (1) For supply of material and haulage of same to the depots on the roads. (2) For all the labour work in spreading material and caring and maintaining the road.

I shall discuss this more fully at the Meeting and shall submit amended specification governing this work.

For sometime now I have found it impossible to arrange for blasting work in the Council's quarries, if this work cannot shortly be carried out I would recommend the Council to close down the quarries otherwise we will be under heavy expense with practically no return.

The difficulty of obtaining parts for repair and upkeep of the breakers is likely to have them all thrown idle very shortly, in January last we placed an order for side plates for the breaker but they have not yet arrived and we are now with difficulty able to carry on.

Subsequent to your last meeting I placed orders for machinery as approved by the Council. The Ministry of transport had notified me that they would make a Grant of the amount of one-third the cost, the balance of the expenditure was to be obtained on loan running over a period of 10 years. As it is quite possible there may now be difficulty with regard to finance, I ask for your instructions in the matter.

The Committee nominated to deal with the taking over of the old jail for the Council Offices and Stores met on the 2nd inst., and directed me to inspect the premises and examine the vouchers in connection with the expenditure carried out by the St John of God Nuns. I shall submit supplemental report at the Meeting after I have visited the premises and you will also have recommendation of the Committee before you."

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Damaged Roads:- On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Kavanagh the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as suggested by the County Surveyor in his report, a

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on Roads and advise the Council as to what steps should be taken in reference to same."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Committee to consider the question of extraordinary traffic be composed of Dr Ryan, Vice-Chairman of the Co Council, G. Devereux, A. Smith, R. Corish, P. Lennon, and that the Committee meet in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Friday, 27th August at 5 p.m.,"

Transport of Explosives:- In connection with the statement made in Co. Surveyor's report relative to transport of explosives, the Council consider they are not in a position to make a definite Order thereon at present.

The consideration of the remaining matters in the report of the County Surveyor was adjourned to next meeting.

#### Vacancies on Committees.

County Infirmary Committee:- The Registrar, County Infirmary, wrote that a vacancy existed on the Co Infirmary Committee, owing to the resignation of Mr P. Doyle, Kellystown, Adamstown.

On the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Redmond M. C. C., be requested to nominate some person from his district to serve on Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee vice Mr P. Doyle resigned."

#### Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, Seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Bryan O'Connor, Garryhubbock, Screen, be appointed a member of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

#### No. 7 Sub-Committee, Old Age Pension Act.

Mrs Howard, Clerk No. 7 Sub Committee Old Age Pension Act, wrote that Mr James Murphy had declined to act as a member of the Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman (Dr Ryan) seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr P. Lennon, M. C. C., be requested to nominate some person from the town of New Ross to act as a member of No. 7 Sub-Committee vice Mr James Murphy resigned."



Irish Education.

A circular letter was received from the General Secretary, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, pointing out that the present system of education in the national schools was unsuited to Irish conditions and ideals. The teachers had during the last 20 years made frequent representations to the National Board, but very little response had been made by the latter. In 1916 the Board did consult Teachers, Managers, and others, but they issued a statement that their own programme was more suitable than that which had been submitted at the Conference. Since then important alterations had been made in the programme by the Board without consultation or discussion with any outside body. Believing that reform can be secured only by the joint action on the part of all interested, the Teachers at their Annual Congress had adopted a resolution instructing the Executive Committee to take steps to convene a Conference or Committee representative of those interests in order to frame a programme or series of programmes in accordance with Irish ideals and conditions due regard being given to local needs and views. The Executive Committee of the Teachers Organisation considered that at a Conference made up as follows would on the whole be found to be fairly, if not fully representative:-

1.- The Professors of Education in the five University Colleges together with four representatives from each of the following.- (2) General Council of County Councils, (3) National Labour Executive, (4) Gaelic League, (5) School Managers, (6) Irish National Teachers Organization, (7) As there were three recognised Associations of School Managers, it was suggested that two representatives be appointed by the Catholic Clerical Managers Association, and one each by the Church of Ireland Managers' Association, and the Presbyterian Managers' Association.

The above suggestion was purely tentative and was submitted for the consideration of the Council with a view to getting something practical done. The Executive Committee would be grateful for the co-operation and especially for any views or suggestions Council wished to offer towards the furtherance of the object sought to be attained by this proposal.

The Association of Secondary Teachers submitted the following resolution:-

"That this General Meeting of the Association of Secondary



Teachers, Ireland, calls upon all Corporations, County Councils, Urban Councils, Technical Instruction Committees, and other bodies, to appoint to educational or scholastic classes in Technical Schools only those who are bona fide professional teachers where available."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the communication from the Executive Committee of the Irish National Teachers Organization as to framing a programme for Irish Education be referred to the Education Committee appointed at meeting of 11th August 1920, to consider Scheme of Scholarships for pupils of Primary Schools."

"On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the resolution received from the Association of Secondary Teachers, was adopted."

#### Income Tax.-Courtown Harbour.

The Secretary submitted a bill for £1. 6. 10d from Collector of Income Tax, Gorey, in respect of Courtown Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Lennon:-

"That we refuse to pay demand for Income Tax assessed on Courtown Harbour."

#### Tomgarrow Quarry.

Mr Thomas Delaney, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, wrote under date 7th July 1920, claiming £2 for trespass at his quarry at Tomgarrow, and also £1. 5/- for a larch ladder pole he had across a gap which some of the County Council, Staff removed and broke it across. He further claimed for material taken from the quarry.

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

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, interview Mr Delaney, Tomgarrow, as to his claim against the County Council, and in the event of not being able to arrive at a satisfactory settlement that the question be referred to Parish Arbitration Court."

#### Finance Committee.- Confirmation of Minutes.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following Minutes of Finance Committee were confirmed:-



Bank Charge:- "That the County Council be recommended to refuse payment of 10/6 proposed to be charged half-yearly by the National Bank for keeping current accounts of the Council."

Payments by Treasurer:- "That the Treasurer of the County Council be informed that in no circumstances should he pay money out of the Accounts of the Wexford County Council unless by Treasurer's Advice Note signed by Chairman and two Members of the County Council, and Paying Order signed by the Secretary to the County Council."

/ Minutes Proposal Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the Minutes of the Proposal Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th August 1920, were confirmed.

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

The following Minutes of above Committee were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne:-

Maintenance Charge:- "That as from 1st August 1920, this Committee agrees to pay a maintenance charge of 45/6 per week for their patients in Newcastle Hospital and that the County Council be requested to sanction payment at this rate."

Beds at Newcastle Hospital:- "That in view of the difficulty of securing beds for the patients of this Committee in Newcastle Hospital, we recommend the County Council to enter into an agreement with the Hospital for five permanent beds and that this agreement remain in force from date of sanction or as soon after as beds are available and with the option of determination of same at the end of twelve months."

Appointment of Secretary:- "That Mr N. J. Frizelle be appointed Secretary to County Wexford Tuberculosis Management Committee as from 15th July 1920, for a further period of twelve months at a salary of £52 per annum."

James Larkin.- Release Committee.

The Larkin Release Committee forwarded five copies of Memorial as to immediate release of James Larkin and his return to Ireland.

Under date 12th July 1920, the General Secretariat, Dail Eireann, wrote that the Consul General of the Republic at New York at the direction of the President afforded Mr Larkin all the assistance during his trial



that a Consul is entitled to give to a citizen of the Country he represents.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs had called for a complete report upon the whole matter, and pending its receipt no further action could be taken by the Government.

"The Larkin Memorial was signed by the members present."

#### Railway Sidings.

Under date 5th July 1920, the Secretary, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., wrote acknowledging the resolution of the Council as to railway sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue. The Directors are already in touch with Major Little, New Ross, relative to the Rathgarogue siding.

On the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Sec., D. & S. E. Railway Co. and ask if they are yet in a position to inform the Council as to the decision of his Directors as to application for sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue."

#### University Scholarships.

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing Scholarships be awarded to the following for year 1920-21:- Thomas J. Lambert, Myles Moore, James O'Connor, Patrick O'Neill, Peter J. Sinnott, James Carty, Julia Doyle, Ellen T. Kehoe, Wm. M. Ryan.

That as regards continuation of Scholarship to W. McAuliffe, our Secretary communicate with Dr Coffey, President of the National University and ask him if in his opinion the County Council would be justified in continuing the Scholarship to this Student."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the extension of the Scholarship awarded to John J. Travers be deferred pending the Report of Committee appointed on the 11th August 1920, to consider the question of primary and secondary Scholarships."

#### Railway Bridges.

The County Surveyor presented the following letter from Mr R. W.



Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I have now looked into this matter and I think you should at once serve Notice on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to make their Bridge at Sparrowsland sufficiently strong to take all traffic passing over same, and also any other Bridges their property as of course when the Bridges were made they were only for ordinary horse traffic.

With regard to the road surface of all the Overhead Bridges of the Railways in the County there are three Agreements entered into between the County Council and the Companies, viz:- one date on the 4th May 1904, between the County Council and the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co., by which the Council agreed with the Company for the sum of £11 (during the continuance of the Agreement) to keep the road surface of the Bridges and the immediate approaches thereto and also certain road diversions in repair. The Bridges were six between Wexford and Ballygeary and two between Palace East and Ballywilliam. There is also a condition that the Company should maintain the Bridges, Road Approaches, and Diversions, at their own expense in all respects save in respect of the maintenance of road surface. Either party was to be at liberty to determine this Agreement on giving six months notice on or before the first day of July in each year.

By Agreement dated the 5th January 1905 and made between the County Council and the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., the Council in consideration of the annual sum of £27 came to a similar agreement as to the Approaches etc., to Overhead Bridges as in the first stated agreement for all the Bridges between Wexford and the bounds of the County near Arklow and on the line between Macmine Junction and New Ross. No Overhead Bridge or Approaches in the Urban District of Wexford, Enniscoorthy and New Ross, were to be deemed to be included in this Agreement and the same covenant was in this Agreement by the Company to maintain all the Bridges, Approaches, and Diversions in all respects same the maintenance of the Road Surface. This Agreement also contains a covenant to determine the Agreement on giving six months' notice on or before the 1st July in each year.

By one other Agreement made the 4th day of November 1910, between the County Council and the Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Co., the Council agreed with the said Company to maintain the road surface of the 12 Overhead Bridges as set out therein between Rosslare Strand and the Barrow Bridge for the term of 10 years from the 1st October 1910 for the sum of £20 per annum. There was also a covenant by the Company to



maintain the Bridges, Roads, and Approaches, in all respects save as to road surface, and the Agreement also provides that the said Council or the Company shall be at liberty on the expiration of said terms of 10 years to determine said Agreement by giving notice of their intention to do so on or before the 1st April in each year to determine same on the 1st October next following such notice.

As you informed me a short time ago that the sum payable under these three agreements was now totally inadequate should you not now bring the matter before the Council and take directions thereon, or will you make an estimate as to increase in expense and get their instructions as to entering into negotiations with the Companies, in two cases we have up to June next, and in the third up to March next."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we call on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to strengthen the Railway Bridges and Approaches thereto, so as to carry with safety traffic now usual on Roads.

That the County Surveyor prepare an estimate of the increased amount necessary to keep in repair the Road Surfaces of Railway Approaches and Bridges, and furnish same to the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co., and the Fishguard & Rosslare Railway Co.,"

#### Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary to above, wrote that his Committee recommended for appointment on the Committee, Messrs Martin Kelly, Tombrick, Ferns, and James Cline, Cain, vice Messrs T. Hayes. deceased, and Bowe, disqualified for non-attendance.

"No Order"

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licence be issued to Mr Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, and Daniel Somers, Coolgreany, Inch."

#### Application Refund Motor Duty.

Under date 29th July 1920, Rev G. J. Murphy, C C., Wexford, wrote



that having disposed of his motorcycle he asked for refund of £1 motor Licence Duty as he did not use the cycle this year.

"On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr James Doyle, it was decided that application be made to the Postmaster General for refund of amount of duty paid by Rev G.J.Murphy C. C., Wexford."

Revision of Valuation.

Under date 29th July 1920, the Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office, wrote that Messrs N. D. Buckley, and G. E. Warwick, would carry out the annual revision of the valuation in the County Wexford commencing about 4th August.

"No Order"

Application Payment Compensation Criminal Injuries.

A number of applications for payments of amounts awarded as compensation for criminal injuries were received from Solicitors.

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

"That applicants for payment of amounts for so called criminal injuries be informed that this Council do not recognise the Criminal Injuries Acts passed by the British Government."

Gorey School Attendance Committee.

The Secretary submitted correspondence which he had had with Mr Myles Byrne, Secretary, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee,

The following resolution was submitted from the Committee for confirmation by the County Council:-

"That the Secretary's salary be increased to £25 per annum, on account of the amount of work he has to do in carrying out the Irish Education Act and attending all the Petty Sessions in prosecuting parents and guardians, All and the full number of the Committee being present and unanimous in granting same."

In connection with this Committee the following under date 7th August 1920, was read from Mr John J. Fanning, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey:-

"the District Council at their last meeting had under consideration the working of the R. D. School Attendance Committee. It was pointed out that this Committee as at present constituted does not represent the views of the Council as they are bringing on prosecutions against parents in an English Court. They directed me to say that they will not



authorise any further payments towards the Committee or Secretary, is such is continued. They also maintain that there should be five members of the present Council on this Committee. I should be glad to hear from you on these matters."

The Secretary explained that the present Committee had been appointed to serve as from 1st June 1918 for three years and the representatives of the County Council as Local Authority had been appointed on the recommendation of the Gorey Rural District Council.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee as regards fixing the salary of the Secretary of the Committee at £25 be confirmed."

Proposed by Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Lennon, and adopted:-

"That R. D. School Attendance Committees be requested to arrange to have their cases against parents for non-compliance with School Attendance regulations brought before Arbitration Courts or otherwise that they be requested to resign."

#### Newtownbarry Streets.

The Enniscorthy R. D. Council submitted the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Council to have the streets of Newtownbarry regularly inspected."

The County Surveyor stated that the Streets were now being inspected fortnightly.

#### Dail Eireann and Conciliation Boards

A Circular letter was received from Dail Eireann (Ministry of Labour) recommending the County Council to invite its employees to join them in forming a permanent Conciliation Board for the purpose of discussing and arriving at an amicable settlement of such questions as the advance of wages, length of working hours, and other questions likely to arise between employers and employed, such Conciliation Board to consist of two or more representatives of the Local Board and two or more representatives of the Officials or employees and a neutral Chairman.

"It was decided that no action be taken in this matter for the present."

#### Archbishop Mannix.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th August 1920, the



following telegram was despatched to Archbishop Mannix:-

"Wexford County Council in assembly to-day send hearty greetings and eagerly await your Grace's return to the Irish Republic."

The Chairman stated he had received the following in reply:-

"Many thanks for kind message and greetings from Council.

Archbishop Mannix"

Moter Car Licence Duties.

Under date 9th August 1920, the Local Government Board (No. 49635-1920, Miscellaneous) forwarded certified statement received from the Postmaster General, showing the value of Moter Car Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March last by each County and County Borough in Ireland.

The amount levied in Wexford was £606. 15/-

"No Order"

Sanatorium Grant.

Under date 13th August 1920, the following was read from Local Government Board (49123-1920, Wexford County) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that the Wexford County share of the original Sanatorium Grant amounts to £3,221. The new Capital Grant would be available up to a maximum of £180 per bed subject to contribution by the County Council of two-fifths of the cost.

The Board consider that by utilising these concessions a satisfactory Scheme for providing residential accommodation for tuberculosis cases could be carried out by the County Council with little cost to the rates.

I am to draw attention to the Board's Circular of the 25th June last, fixing time limits for the submission of schemes and I am to request that the Co Council will take the matter up at an early opportunity.

"No Order"

Bond of Mr J. J. Fowler.

Under date 14th August 1920, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of yours with Draft Bond from the Hibernian Fire & General Assurance Co., Ltd., which as far as I see covers the County Council in respect of any default on Mr Fowler's part. I have filled into the Bond the sum of £1000 as the amount to be guaranteed."



Constabulary Expenses.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to adhere to the attitude which they have taken up in regard to expenses incurred by the Constabulary for Conveyance of Prisoners, Weights & Measures Acts, and Feed & Drugs Acts, and decline to pay any expenses incurred for Conveyance of Prisoners. We recommend as Expenses under Weights & Measures Acts, and Feed & Drugs Acts are in connection with quarter ended 30th June 1920, that they should be paid, and the Police Authorities be notified that the Council will not make any further payments in connection with these matters."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Br Ryan, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)."

Wexford Gas Company.

The Solicitors to Wexford Gas Company, forwarded copy of application to the Board of Trade as to issue of new shares and the borrowing of money at 7 per cent to an amount not exceeding half the Share capital for the time being issued and paid up.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey)

"That this Council approves of any steps taken in the matter of the application of Wexford Gas Co., as regards issue of new shares and borrowing, by the Wexford Corporation."

Mr R. C. Barton.

Under date 30th June 1920, the following was read from the Governor Portland Prison:-

"re 1541. R. C. Barton. I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and to inform you in reply that this prisoner is not at present time entitled to receive a letter. However, under the circumstances, I have communicated the gist of your letter to him, which I hope you will consider a satisfactory solution of the difficulty."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read from the County Analyst:-

"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 30th June 1920.

76 articles were received from the Feed Inspectors, R.I.C., as

follows:-



<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	26
Butter	17
Cheese	6
Margarine	5
Whiskey	4
Buttermilk	3
Port Wine	3
Rum	2
Honey	1
Evaporated Milk	1
Ginger Wine	1
Cocos.	1
Mustard	1
Tea	2
Dripping	1
Pepper	1
Condensed milk	1
Total	<u>76</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fats, one certificate for specimen of buttermilk with at least 11 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of 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. One contained an excess of water, namely, 20.8 per cent.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union eight drugs were analysed and were correct.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford three drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses ..... 104

Adulterated & defective articles..... 6



Peer Law Guardians should send more frequently water for analysis, especially as it costs them nothing but the carriage of the sample.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland.

A number of resolutions were submitted for adoption by the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation. These condemned poteen making and shebeening, illicit traffic in intoxicants at races and sports meetings, sale of intoxicating drink during prohibited hours, and sale of drink to children, the spending of increased wages in drink thus freely helping the British Treasury to plunder Ireland of several millions yearly in over-taxation.

One of the resolutions recommended newly elected Local Authorities and the General Council of County Councils to consider and adopt as soon as possible organised and effective measures to keep the Liqueur traffic from becoming a source of disaster to Ireland's prospects of National Peace and Prosperity.

"The series of resolutions was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Culleten."

The Railway Crisis.

The following resolution was submitted from Kildare County Council:-

"That this County Council of Kildare, at a duly convened meeting, desire to call the attention of Dail Eireann and the Executive of the Irish Labour Party, to the threat of the British Premier, Lloyd George, that if the Railway men continue to refuse to handle munitions of war, he will close down the railways.

And we hereby call on Dail Eireann and the Executive of the Irish Labour Party to assist us in devising and establishing machinery to conserve food supplies for all the people affected, and to prevent the terrible hardships which must inevitably follow the dislocation of all transport."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lennen, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)

Equivalent Grants for Education.

The following resolution was submitted from Meath County Council:-

"That we condemn the British Government for having refused to make available the Equivalent Grants for educational purposes which have accrued since April 1st 1919, together with arrears unjustly withheld



prior to this date, so that proper provision could be made for paying decent salaries to the teachers and carrying out other very necessary reforms in Irish Education."

"Adopted on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Smith."

Dublin Chamber of Commerce & Irish Government.

The following was submitted from the Council of Dublin Chamber of Commerce:-

"The Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce views with serious concern the present condition of Ireland which gravely imperils all industrial and Commercial interests.

It is obvious that peace and contentment can only be secured by a change in the form of the Government of Ireland, and as the present Bill which has for its object the better government of Ireland, does not meet with the approval of any section, it should be withdrawn.

The Council asks the Government to give a pledge in Parliament to concede a measure of complete self-government for Ireland, subject only to the restrictions mentioned in the Prime Minister's recent speech, viz--

"That Ireland should remain within the Empire, and that Ulster should not be coerced."

The Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce feels that it is voicing the opinion of the business community in undertaking to assist whole-heartedly any scheme for the Government of Ireland which can be made the basis of a genuine Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and Ireland."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Culleten, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Home Rule proposals."

Baltinglass R. D. Council and their Officers.

The following resolution was submitted from Baltinglass R. D. Council:-

"That all the servants of this Council who hold positions under the British Government (or in other words, the Army of Occupation) be ordered to resign same at once."

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, (Gorey) the above resolution was adopted.

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following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. J. Roche , Coroner for South Wexford, be called upon to resign his position as J. P."

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Michael Cloney M. C. C., be called upon to resign his position as J. P."

Creem R. D. Council & Unpurchased Tenants.

The following resolution from Creem Rural District Council was submitted to the meeting:-

"That, pending a satisfactory settlement of the sale of the unpurchased lands of Ireland, We, the Creem Rural District Council, wish to draw the attention of the public to the fact, which cannot be disputed, that unpurchased tenants are more unfavourably situated than their neighbours who have purchased, often to the extent of £40 on every £100 rent. That such being so, the unpurchased tenants cannot be expected to meet all demands made on them in the labour market, and for all the necessities of life- which demands have to be satisfied equally with those made on purchased tenants.

Therefore, be it Resolved that, in future, all unpurchased tenants demand a reduction on existing rents which will be the equivalent of the reductions now enjoyed by their more fortunate purchased neighbours.6

"Adopted on the motion of Mr S. Kehoe, seconded by Mr Kavanagh."

Collection of Rate.

A letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, stating that the general impression in his district was that no Rates should be paid, and he wished the Council to adopt a resolution to dispel such a notion.

"It was decided that this matter be dealt with at meeting to which the Rate Collectors had been summoned on Friday, 27th August."

Increased Salary, Secretary.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 10th August (49191-1920 Wexford County) approving of the proposal of the County Council to increase the salary of Mr Frizelle, Secretary, from £262 to £352 a year.

Royal Irish Constabulary

On the motion of Mr James Byrne, seconded by Mr D. Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-



"That we the members of the County Council welcome back to civil life members of the R. I. C., who are prepared to resign and throw in their lot with their fellow countrymen, and to do our utmost to get employment for same."

Lord Mayer McSwiney.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Philip Lennen, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we condemn the barbarity with which the English Government is treating Lord Mayer McSwiney and other Irish Prisoners, and that we also wish to give expression to our appreciation of the magnificent Sacrifices being made by Lord Mayer McSwiney and his Comrades in the holy cause of Freedom."

Payments Courthouses Etc.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr James Doyle:-

"That payments for Courthouses etc., be agreed to in respect of quarter ended 30th June 1920, except payments to Sub-Sheriff and County Court and Assize Judges Criers."

Irish Peace Conference.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee:-

"That we the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council view with grave concern the proposed Assembly of a certain Conference called the "Irish Peace Conference" as such Conference is undoubtedly called together to endeavour to bring the Irish Republic within the British Empire. This is obviously a treasonable act, and we warn the people of Ireland that we shall regard attendance at this Conference as treason to our Nation.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Republican Minister for Home Affairs."

"On the motion of the Chairman (Dr Ryan) seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne (Gorey) the above Minute of the Finance Committee was confirmed."

Religious or Political Tests & Industrial Employment.

The following resolution was read from the meeting of Irish County Councils General Council:-

"As the imposition of religious or political tests as a condition



this General Council of Co Councils calls on all public bodies here represented and on all local authorities everywhere throughout Ireland to take immediate steps to cease trading with the City in which such an illegal test is now attempted to be enforced.

This General Council further recommends that business be discontinued throughout Ireland with the branches of the Banks which finance firms who apply or permit to be expelled employees who refuse to submit to illegal tests.

This cessation of trade and the withdrawal of support from the banks indicated are to be maintained until such time as the victimised employees are unconditionally re-employed.

On the receipt from the Local Labour Leaders and authentic representatives of the prescribed people of a White List of Firms which have refused to permit their employees to be illegally expelled from their work, the General Council will recommend that business with such Firms be resumed."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman (Dr Ryan) seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)".

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(Signed)

*Seamus O'Keefe*

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this      day of

1920.