

Statutable Half-yearly meeting - 1st December 1908.

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on 1st December 1908.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, (Vice Chairman) & subsequently Mr. M. A. Ennis, presiding.

Other members :- Messrs A. Kinsella, James J. Stafford, John Bolger, C. H. Peacocke, J. Bolger, P. J. Fanning, James Codd, M. Doyle, M. Codd, J. Asple, John J. Kehoe, Mr. Hickey, J. Cummins, P. Fortune, G. Walsh, J. S. Kearne, and W. Forrester.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Death of Mrs Pigott.

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was adopted :- "That we have learned with sincere regret of the demise of Mrs Pigott, relict of the late Capt. Pigott, formerly Secretary of this Council, and that we request our Secretary to convey to Mrs Scott, Mrs R. W. Elger (jun) and Mrs Chambers, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained in the death of their mother."

Suspension of Standing Orders.

Mr Asple moved, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed unanimously :- "That in order to facilitate the consideration of the business on the agenda paper, Standing Orders be suspended to allow of the Council considering tenders, etc., for works undertaken for at District Council meetings, and at Proposal Committee meeting."

Enniscorthy District

"Orders as appearing on Form 20 of this District were

agreed to."

In connection with road contracts No 204 and 206, Mr J. Bolger moved :- "That Road contracts nos 204. and 206 be cancelled as the Co. Council are not satisfied as to the bona fides of the various tenders considered by the District Council in these cases, and that these roads be referred back to District Council."

Mr. Fanning seconded the motion which was adopted.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted: "That the attention of Mr. Bannolly, Clerk Rural District Council, Ennisclorthy, be called to the fact that he has not, in connection with roads Nos 204. and 206 forwarded form of special minute to afford information to the Co. Council as to why the lowest tenders were not accepted in these cases."

Gorey District

"Orders as appearing on Form 20 for this district were made by the meeting."

In the case of contract no. 17. Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor, objected to the acceptance of Michael Keegan, Grattan Street, Gorey, as contractor. He did not consider this man a good contractor.

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

"That we cancel the contract for no. 17 Gorey given by District Council to Michael Keegan, as Mr. Webster, has informed us this man is not a satisfactory contractor, and that the work be referred back to Gorey District Council."

In connection with the lack of depots on the road from Gorey to Ballycanew, Mr. Webster said he would bring forward at the next meeting of the District Council, the question of the possibility of renting a small piece of ground from Mr. Stacey to allow of the storage of Road metalling."

Wexford District

"Orders as appearing on Form 20 were made in connection

with works untendered for at District Council meeting."

"In connection with the power of the Co. Council to make a contribution to the cost of work to prevent the flooding of road at the Ford of Lyng, it was decided that the question be considered at next Co. Council meeting."

"In the case of no. 106, Mr. Michael Kane, Holdmanhill attended and objected to the acceptance of John Sinnott, Graiguesallagh, being accepted contractor as he contended that one of the sureties - William Walsh, Graiguesallagh, was not sufficiently solvent as he was not the owner of a farm.

Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, appeared for Sinnott.

Mr. James Bodd, explained that this question was considered at the District Council meeting, and Walsh stated that he had horses and cattle. The District Council in view of this statement which was uncontroverted, accepted the contract.

The action of the District Council was confirmed.

New Ross District.

"Orders as appearing on Form 20 were made in connection with works untendered for at the District Council meeting."

"In the case of no. 18 (Anastasia Fitzgerald) St. Kearans, Contractor; Mr. Webster mentioned that there was a lower tender from a man named James Roche, but he had objected to this man being taken as he had been a contractor for this road before, and had not given satisfaction.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted: - "That the attention of Mr. Pope, Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, be called to the fact that he has not sent any form of special minute with reference to Road no. 18, and for which Mr. Webster informs the County Council took the higher tender."

Proposal Committee

"Orders as appearing on Form 20 with regard to works untendered for at the Proposal Committee meeting were made."

New Works & Contracts.

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

"That the several proposals for new works as set out in Form 20, and received from the Rural District Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee be approved subject to the modifications and other orders thereon noted and initialled by the Chairman. That the tender for road No. 58 J. (Enniscorthy Rural District) be accepted with the provision that the accepted contractor fills up his tender on the new form and perfect new bond with the clerk of the Enniscorthy District Council."

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

"That the several proposals for payment received from the Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee, and approved for payment by the Finance Committee at this day's meeting be adopted."

Recommendations of Committees.

"The various recommendations of Proposal Committee Finance Committee, and Diseases of Animals Acts Committee, from 12th September to date, as appearing in respective minute Books of these committees were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Ennis."

District Councils, & Deferred Payments.

In connection with the following note appearing in Form 20 (Wexford Rural District) "£15 deferred, to be struck off, recommendation of district council."

Mr. Elgee wrote as follows:- "In reply to your letter of the 21st Instant, I write to say that in my opinion the Wexford Rural District Council have no power to alter the certificate of the County Surveyor in the case of Edward Davis, a Road Contractor, by directing that the amount which the County Surveyor certified to be "deferred" by the certificate should be "struck off" as they purport to have done, by their Resolution of

the 7th Inst., nor at all.

The certificate of the County Surveyor seems to be final, and even he himself cannot alter it, once he has signed and issued it.

Article 26 of the Procedure of Councils Order of 30th of January 1899 (Page 294 Ranston, Vol. 1) deals with the payment of contractors. In that article the functions of the County Surveyor on the one hand, and of the Rural District Council, ~~or~~ Proposal Committee of the County Council, on the other hand, are recognized as absolute and distinct - further, once the County Surveyor has made out and signed his certificate he would appear (to use a legal phrase) to be defunctus officii, for the period to which the certificate relates and cannot, as I said before, alter his certificate; & all the District Council or Proposal Committee or County Council can do is to act upon it, as it stands and make payments in accordance with it."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted: - That a copy of Mr. Elger's letter be forwarded the Clerk of the District Council, and that he be informed that in view of Mr. Elger's advice the decision of the Co. Surveyor as regards the deferred pay to Mr. Edward Davis must stand as the Co. Council's Solicitor has advised that the District Council have no power to resolve that this amount should be struck off."

Dissatisfied Road Contractors

Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, on behalf of George Browne, Road Contractor for Roads nos 90 and 106 complained of the payments which Mr. Webster Co. Surveyor had made to Mr. Browne after the measurements of material.

The Council considered after hearing Mr. Browne, and the Co. Surveyor, that the latter was justified in the action he had taken as regards this contract.

In connection with road no. 96 Mr. Brennan, Solicitor on behalf of William Whelan, Garrylough, Screen,

who was accepted contractor for this road in May 1908 complained that when the contract was entered into he was not aware he would have to use "screened" gravel on the road. He had had the contract previously and during the period he worked it, he had not been asked to screen the gravel. If this provision was adhered to he could not carry out the contract, and would ask to be relieved of it.

A reference to the specification showed that the contractor was to provide 75 cubic yards of "approved gravel."

After considerable discussion it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Webster to see if he could come to some arrangement with the contractor as to the provision of other material.

Road Contract Tendering.

Mr. Asple, and Mr. Fanning gave notice of their intention to bring forward at next Co. Council meeting the following resolution:-

"That any Road or other contractor who do not answer to their names when tendering for works under the County or District Councils, will be disqualified from tendering for County and District works in future."

County Stock Scheme.

The question of the issue of County Stock proposed by Sir Thomas Esmonde (Chairman of the Co. Council) appeared on the agenda paper in accordance with the following resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Council on 19th August, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Fortune:- "That the question of the issue of County Stock be settled at the December meeting."

Mr. Peacocke moved, Mr. J. Bolger seconded and it was adopted:- "That the consideration of the question of the issue of County Stock be adjourned for the attendance of Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Chairman of the

council. That our Secretary be directed not to put this subject on the agenda paper until he receives a letter from Sir Thomas Esmonde that he intends to be present at a meeting and proposes dealing with the scheme. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Sir Thomas Esmonde.

Cain Water Supply.

Sealed Order from Local Government Board (No 57308-1908) under date 10th November 1908, fixing Enniscorthy Rural District as area of charge for Cain Water supply, was read.

no. Order.

Dock Regulations-Exemptions.

Under date 14th November 1908, the following letter (No 7417-'08 F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to my letter of the 8th September 1906, I have to transmit, herewith, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, copy of a further Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, exempting, under certain conditions, Kilmore and other Harbours from Part I of the Regulations made under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as to Docks, Quays, etc.,

The following is copy of the Order referred to above:-

In pursuance of Section 82 (1) of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901, and of the Regulations dated October 24th 1904, made by the Secretary of State in respect of the processes of loading, unloading, moving and handling goods in, on, or at any dock, wharf, or quay, and the processes of loading, unloading and coaling any ship in any Dock, Harbour or canal. I hereby exempt from Part I of those regulations the Docks, wharves, and Quays at Kilmore, Kinavarra, Ballyhack, Duncannon, and Arthurstown, subject to the following conditions, namely:-
Kilmore Harbour.

1. - That fencing shall be provided and maintained

for the protection of the two flights of steps, slip and land end of quay.

2.- That two lights shall be provided, one near the pier head and one half way in, and

3.- That three sets of life saving apparatus shall be provided and stationed at convenient places along the quay.

Kinavarra Harbour.

1.- That adequate lights shall be provided on the pier; and

2.- That a life-buoy shall be provided.

Ballyhack Pier and Quay.

1.- That on each side of the slip in which the pier terminates, and at the lower edge of the slip at the quay there shall be adequate means at or near the surface of the water, at reasonable intervals for enabling a person immersed to support himself or escape from the water.

2.- That the opening in the south wall of the pier shall be protected by a bar or chain.

3.- That there shall be a permanent fencing along the quay round the slip.

4.- That a light shall be provided on the corner of the pier nearest the road and on the boat slip at the centre of the approach from the bounty road and that the lights shall be lighted at sunset and remain so until immediately after sunrise, and

5.- That a life-buoy shall be provided at Steamer Quay.

Arthurstown Quay.

1.- That the entrance to the steps leading to the water edge shall be fenced and also the edge of the quay round the slip.

2.- That a life belt shall be provided, and

3.- That a light shall be provided on the pier.

Duncannon Pier & Quay.

1.- That the fencing of the pier on the north side of the entrance of the pontoon shall be continued for a distance of 5 yards.

2.- That the fencing round the slip shall be carried up to the wall and that the entrance to the

steps shall be fenced.

3.- That if the space from the end of the fencing to the new pier to the slip at the side of the old one is left unfenced, adequate means at or near the surface of the water shall be provided and maintained for enabling a person immersed to support himself or escape from the water.

4.- That similar means shall be provided and maintained along the slip at the end of the pier and round the unfenced part of the pontoon.

5.- That similar means shall be provided and maintained along end of the old pier alongside the two steps and along the pier wall from where the fencing ends at the south side to the entrance of the boat slip north of it.

6.- That life belts shall be provided (a) near the end of the pier (b) on the quay side where it is unfenced (c) on the new pier, and (d) on the pontoon, and

7.- That one light shall be provided near the landing stage at the old Harbour, and two along the new pier.

For the purposes of Regulations 21. and 22. the fencing, lifesaving means or appliances and lights required by this Order shall be deemed to be fencing, lifesaving means or appliances and lights referred to in those Regulations."

marked "Read."

Prohibition Order - Hay & Straw.

Under date 19th November, 1908, copy of Sealed Order was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from the United States into Ireland.

marked "Read"

Notices of motion advertising

The following notice of motion given by Mr. Cummins was brought before the meeting:- "That the resolution passed to-day (12th November) giving the advertising contract to two papers be rescinded, and that the

resolution of the County Council passed years ago be adhered to, viz: - "To be published in one paper circulating in this county."

This notice was disposed of at meeting of Proposal Committee and accordingly did not come before the Council."

— Cutting Hedges. Etc. —

Mr. J. Bolger raised the question of cutting hedges on roads at dangerous corners and moved the following resolution:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be directed to having enforced the provisions of section 9 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851 (14 & 15 Vic cap 92) in all cases in which he considers that trees and hedges "prejudice" or "obstruct" roads at dangerous corners. That the County Council instruct the County Surveyor to direct his assistants in their respective divisions to point out all dangerous corners to the different contractors, and to show them the proper way to cut and lay the hedges and bushes for 20 yards from each corner, not interfering with any trees, and in every case to obtain the consent of the owners of the land. That the County Surveyor make provision in all future specifications for this work to be carried out."

Mr. Kinsella seconded

Passed.

— Sheep Dipping Forms. —

Mr. Hore moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Kinsella and adopted: "That in order to meet the convenience of the sheep-owners of the county, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to take the necessary steps to arrange with the Constabulary Authorities for the distribution under the Sheep Dipping Order of 1904 of form C. (annual Declaration to Dip) with notice of Intention to Dip. That the Department be further requested to direct that on Form "C" and on notice of Intention to dip, for next year there should appear in distinctive type the words - "Form C. must be returned to the local police barracks not earlier than the 1st September and not later than

14th September 1909" because as at present printed the form contains no instructions to the farmer as to how he is to deal with it."

The Secretary stated that this resolution was practically a copy of resolution which had been adopted at the last meeting of the Diseases of animals acts committee and at next meeting of this committee a letter would be read from the Department stating that the addition of such words as the committee suggested at the top of Form "b" would be quite regular being fully in consonance with the intended use of the Form, and it would be open to the committee to arrange if they wished for such an addition when a supply of the form is being printed for next year.

University Scholarships.

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

"That as the Irish Universities Act 1908 Sec 10 (2) renders legal the provision of University scholarships by county councils that this council award scholarships on the lines of the resolution adopted by this council on 17th November 1905 the conditions governing the award of the scholarships to be awarded, to comply with the provisions contained in the Act, and that a committee be appointed to draft the conditions governing the award of the scholarships."

The Grand jury system.

The following notice of motion in the name of Mr. Peacocke was read for the meeting:-

"That if in the altered circumstances of this country, it is considered advisable to continue Grand jurors, we invite our members of Parliament to take such action as they consider expedient to have the present system of calling Grand jurors altered so that the highest rated ratepayers should be those from whom Grand jurors should be called."

Mr. Peacocke requested that his resolution be adjourned to next meeting of the Co. Council and this

was agreed to."

Hours of meetings of Co. Councils.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded, and it was passed:— "That all meetings of the County Council, except Quarterly and half-yearly statutory meetings and annual meeting, and all meetings of Proposal Committee be held at 10 o'clock a.m.

The following notice of motion in conformity with Standing Orders of the Council, was handed in by Mr. Michael Doyle:—

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Council that the day for holding the Quarterly and half-yearly meetings of the Council be changed to Wednesday."

Michael Doyle

John Cummins
Mark Bodd
James Bodd

Thomas Asple
P. J. Fanning
P. Fortune

Tuberculosis Bill.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Browne, was read for the meeting:—

"That we ask our Solicitor for an explanation of the principal provisions of the Tuberculosis Bill now passing through Parliament, particularly the provisions regarding the notification of tubercular disease; and the erection of sanatoria in the County—and to move if considered necessary a resolution of protest against the Bill."

As Mr. Browne was unwell and unable to attend the meeting, it was decided to postpone the matter till next meeting.

Expenditure on Piers. Etc.

Under date 29th September 1908 (letter no. 51300-08 mis) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding for the information of the Co. Council copy of Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1886 Amendment Act 1908 which raises the amount of expenditure on piers etc., from £300 to £1,500 and which empowers the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to contribute to the

expenses of such works."

"No. Order."

Audits of accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of the reports of their auditor in connection with the accounts for the half-year ended 31st March 1908:-
 Gorey Guardians and Rural District Council;
 Enniscorthy Union, and Rural District Council;
 New Ross Union, and Rural District Council;
 which were read for the meeting.

No. Order.

Rate Collection

Under date 20th October (letter no. 57667-1908) the Local Government Board wrote assenting to an extension of time to 5th October for the completion of the Rate collection in collector A. Lennon's district; and to the 3rd October for the completion of the collection of collector J. Walsh's district.

Under date 11th October (letter no. 61921-1908) the Local Government Board wrote extending the time for the closing Rate collection in the case of Mr. J. L. Doyle, to 15th October, and Mr. N. O. Walsh to 9th November.

"no. order"

motor car act 1903.

Under date 5th November 1908 (letter no. 154 M. 1908) the Local Government Board wrote stating that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1908 the motor car act 1903 was continued until 31st December 1909.

Under date 12th October, the Local Government Board forwarded circular letter (no. 52467-1908-Mis) with annexed copy of circular letter which had been addressed to the local authorities in England by the English Local Government Board in reference to the driving of motor cars. The Local Government Board hoped that the views and suggestions in the circular letter of the English Local Government Board would receive the earnest consideration of the Irish Co. Councils, and that the advice to motor car drivers contained therein may be afforded the widest publicity.

The following resolution was adopted:— "That our Secretary call the attention of the Local Government Board to the resolution adopted at to-day's meeting directing the County Surveyor to take steps to have hedges at dangerous corners of roads pruned and plashed."

General cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 2nd October (letter no 48519 mis) the Local Government Board wrote, stating they had received a certificate from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894, that a sum of £13250 : 1 : 5 being equivalent to a rating of one farthing in the £ on the counties of Ireland, was required for the purposes of the Act. Under an Order issued by the Local Government Board the sum assessed on Wexford was £406 : 2 : 3½."

On the motion of the chairman the following Order was made:— "That the county council pay their contribution of £406 : 2 : 8, to the Local Government Board to recoup the General cattle Diseases Fund."

Poulduff Pier.

Under date 29th September 1908, (letter no 6043-08 J. B) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that they had made arrangements for a diver to visit Poulduff Pier with a view to ascertaining whether any obstruction to navigation existed there.

Under date 31st October 1908 (letter no 6943-08. J. B) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that one of the Department's Engineering Staff accompanied by a diver examined Poulduff Pier under water and found some small obstructions which were removed. A bag of concrete below the sand is also at the pier, the position of which is known to the County Surveyor.

"It was decided that a copy of the Department's letter no 6943-'08 J. B., under date 31st October be forwarded to the

bounty surveyor."

Dredging.

Under date 8th October (No 6171-08. F. B) the following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, relative to dredging:-

"With reference to the deputation from the Wexford County Council which recently waited on the Vice President in reference to the necessity for procuring a suction dredger to be available for the improvement of the harbours of Courtown, Kilmore, Slade, and Fethard, I have to state, for the information of your Council, that the Department's suction dredger "Eag an Bealach" seems admirably adapted for the work at Kilmore. The vessel has already cleaned sand from outside the entrance to Courtown, but close dredging there would probably endanger the piers. She would, no doubt, clean sand from Fethard. At Slade, however, the rock appears to exist only a short distance below the sand, and consequently dredging at that place might not be possible.

The Department are prepared to consider any proposal that may be made by your Council as to the nature and possibilities of the work required, and they will be glad to learn how far the Council are prepared to co-operate with them in carrying out such work.

The Department require this preliminary information in order to be in a position to judge, amongst other things, how far the plant already in their possession is sufficient to meet the various requirements.

Under date 24th October 1908, the Department wrote, (letter No 6840-08. F. B.) on the same subject:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the improvement of certain Harbours on the Wexford coast, I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department are satisfied that with proper arrangements, their Dredger "Eag an Bealach" would dredge Kilmore as cheaply as any vessel that can be procured."

With regard to Fethard, the Department are not aware that any decision has been come to in favour of dredging. The same observation applies to Courtown where, apparently, dredging to any appreciable extent cannot be attempted unless provision be made for underpinning or otherwise improving the piers.

The Department believe that should work be decided on at Fethard or Courtown suitable plant can be hired."

Under date 12th October, the Harbour master at Courtown wrote :-

"In reply to yours of 10th inst., re dredger "Zag an Bealach" in my opinion she is not suitable for dredging at Courtown. True, she has cleaned sand from outside the entrance to Courtown but she did not come within 20 yards of the bar mouth, and as far as I could learn at the time it was more of an experiment than anything else; as the grab dredger was working inside the pier at the time. I am certain she would not come in between the piers as she draws between six and seven feet of water, and it is my opinion, and the opinion of some of the oldest fishermen that no dredger could work on the bar this time of year. As one of them said to me on yesterday- "She might as well be on the strand."

Of course a light dredger might work on the bar in very fine weather, but when no. 2 dredger was here before in the summer it was impossible to get him to do so, and he found it too rough or he had not sufficient draft."

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

"That we call on the Department of Agriculture to fulfil the promise of their Vice-President - Right Hon. J. W. Russell M.P., that he would provide a small light draughted dredger drawing about three feet of water, which could be hired at a minimal cost to bounties requiring its services. In his interview with the deputation from this Co. Council the Vice-President admitted that the dredger referred to in the

Department's communications was altogether unsuitable for dredging the small harbour of Wexford."

Assistant Surveyor Ryan.

Report of Mr Webster, County Surveyor, relative to the manner in which Mr J. J. Ryan, Assistant Surveyor was performing his duties, and which appeared on minutes of Co. Council of 12th November, was read for the meeting.

at the meeting of the 12th November a resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to forward a copy of Mr Webster's report to Mr Ryan and asking the latter to furnish a written statement thereon.

This direction was complied with.

The following statement from Mr J. J. Ryan was read:— "With regard to Mr Webster's report on my measurements, I beg to state that the reasons are as follows. On the 11th August I sustained a cycling accident whereby I injured my leg, as the result of which I was unable to cycle for the ensuing two months, I was compelled to drive, in doing all the measurements, and consequently, I could not do nearly as much work as if I had been cycling. Besides, the weather was very much against me. It rained nearly every second day in September and October which of course caused great delay. With regard to the difference in the measurements between Mr Webster and myself, I can only say that I was most careful in making these measurements, and was as accurate as I could be. Some of the depots were very badly shaped and it was very hard to get an exact measurement. Besides, ^{on} some of the contracts my measurements were later than Mr Webster's, and there had been some extra material banked out in the meantime."

Mr Ennis said he had measured some of the roads in Mr Ryan's district. On one road he measured a total of $237\frac{10}{27}$ cubic yards, while Mr Ryan's measurements were $312\frac{21}{27}$ cubic yards. Mr Ryan got 65 cubic yards over his (Mr Ennis) measurements in that small quantity and more than that the measurements were taken subsequently to those of Mr Ryan.

There could be no doubt the quantity that Mr. Ryan gave was not in the depots, and there was none of the stones spread on the road. On the second occasion he (Mr. Ennis) measured the contract of Mr. John Roche, Asquinton, from Enniscorthy on towards Kiltaly, in conjunction with Mr. Asple. They found that there were $512\frac{25}{27}$ yards in the depots while the total to be put out was 580 cubic yards, Mr. Ryan returned 630 yards when they found the measurements so grossly inaccurate it was a matter of very great importance, and deserved the most serious consideration of the Council. They were paying for material which apparently they had not got.

Mr. Ryan in reply to the Chairman said he was as accurate as he could be in his measurements.

Mr. Ennis: - "allowing for all the roads measured by Mr. Ryan if there was a discrepancy of 28 per cent as has occurred in the roads checked by Mr. Webster it would represent a loss of £1,600."

Mr. Fanning proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded and it was passed: - "That Mr. J. J. Ryan, Assistant Surveyor, be given a month to consider his position."

Fowl markets.

Under date 30th September 1908, the following letter no 153/08 was read from the Assistant Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lords Justices to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Inst., on the subject of the disallowance of the By-Law submitted by the Wexford County Council for regulating the hours of holding Fowl markets in the County.

In reply I am to acquaint you, for the information of the County Council, that Their Excellencies were advised by the Law Officers of the Crown that the By-Law was not one which should be allowed, it being altogether too wide in its application and therefore unreasonable, and beyond the powers of the Council in making By-Laws.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Ennis) (who presided to the end of the meeting from this period)

it was decided that the Secretary forward copy of the letter from the Assistant Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, to Messrs Broune, and D. Kavanagh, County Councillors, and request Mr. Broune to state if he is in favour of having a by-law adopted as regards the hour of holding the fowl market at Kilmore, and Mr. Kavanagh, if he desires to have a by-law regulating the hours of fowl markets in Oulart and Kilmuckridge."

Direct Labour Experiment.

In connection with Direct Labour Experiment drafted by County Surveyor, and which had been referred to the Rural District Councils for their opinions the following under date 28th September '08 was read from Wexford Rural District Council:-

"Referring to yours of the 5th ultimo re Direct Labour Experimental Scheme for Road maintenance, I have to inform you that the matter came specially before my Council at their meeting, on the 26th instant, when they expressed themselves as being absolutely against the scheme, and in favour of the contract system being exclusively maintained in this District."

The Secretary stated that he had been informed by Mr. M. Hickey, Chairman, New Ross District Council that his Council were opposed to the scheme, nothing had been heard from the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy and Gorey.

Mr. Fanning stated that Gorey R. D. Council had voted against the adoption of the scheme.

Mr. J. Bolger said the decision of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council was also against the adoption of the scheme.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

The following resolution was transmitted from the Gorey District Council for consideration, and which was forwarded to them from the Gorey Town Commissioners

"That we the residents and ratepayers of Gorey at public meeting called for the purpose desire the district Council of Gorey to enquire into the action of the Co. Council officials in not permitting road material

obtained from Gorey Hill Quarries to be used on local roads as hitherto, thereby depriving the people of the town of employment during the winter months, the material being now specified from a remote district at about triple the cost.

We respectfully ask the Gorey District Council to refer the matter to the County Council in the hope that the latter body will take note of the seriousness of their action to the people of Gorey, and the ratepayers generally."

"no order"

Waterford Bridge Committee

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following report of special committee to consider the question of the contribution proposed to be levied off the County Wexford for new bridge at Waterford was adopted :-

meeting 1st December 1908.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore (presiding), also Messrs J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, John Bolger, B. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, and J. Cummins.

The Secretary, and Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

Letter from the Lord Lieutenant enclosing Report of Inquiry was read.

Resolutions from the Waterford Corporation, Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and Kilkenny Co. Council, were laid before the meeting.

after a long discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hearn :- "That our Secretary be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Waterford Co. Council and point out to him that this Co. Council are anxious to co-operate with the other Public Bodies concerned, in opposition to the excessive cost of the proposed bridge at Waterford, and request him to allow this Co. Council to have a perusal of the minutes of evidence which we understand are in the possession of the Waterford County Council" Mr. Stafford seconded. Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That in view of the excessive cost of the proposed new bridge at Waterford and the increase of from 8 to 15% of same to be debited to the County Wexford, we call the attention of the Public Bodies of the County to the fact that this impost would mean an annual payment of £859 (considerably over $\frac{1}{2}^d$ in the £ on the valuation of the entire County) or £17,180 for the 20 years' repayment of the loan. We request their co-operation in contesting this unjust assessment."

School attendance committees

Under date 15th November 1908, Mr. J. Asple wrote resigning his position as member of Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee.

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

"That Mr. P. J. Rowe, Killealy; be appointed a member of the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee."

Mr. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Rural District School attendance committee, wrote under date 23rd November, that Messrs J. J. Byrne, and John J. Egan had resigned membership of New Ross District School attendance committee.

The New Ross Rural District Council recommended that Mr. Thomas Moroney D. C., Camblin, New Ross; and Daniel Gaffney, D. C., Aghclare, Priesthaggard; be appointed to fill the vacancies.

"On the motion of Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Asple, it was decided to appoint Mr. Thomas Moroney D. C. Camblin, New Ross; and Mr. Daniel Gaffney, Aghclare Priesthaggard; to the vacancies in New Ross Rural District School attendance committee."

Co. Committee of Agriculture &c.

The Secretary reported the death since last meeting of Mr. Michael Bowman, Sparrowsland, a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, it was decided to appoint Rev P. Parker, D. C., Kilmyshall, a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture

* Technical Instruction to replace Mr. M. Bowman deceased."

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 10th October 1908, Mr. J. R. Etchingham, Hon Sec., Courtown Fishermen's Association, wrote as follows:— "I am directed by the members of the Courtown Fishermen's Association to forward to your Council the following resolution passed at a recent meeting. —

"That whilst approving of the Dredger being obtained to improve the smaller Harbours, we at the same time wish to point out that the state of the Courtown Bar is at present most unsatisfactory and we respectfully request the County Council to take immediate steps to have the siltage which interferes with the navigation of the river removed.

We would further suggest that no. 2 dredger which did such effective work here two years ago should be again procured from the Department and brought here to perform this necessary work.

(2) — That we request the Co. Council to press the case of smaller Harbours in Ireland on the Treasury with a view to obtain additional grants for the development of Irish Fisheries."

Under date 12th October, Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master, Courtown, wrote:— "It was stated at a meeting of the fishermen held on 6th instant, that the sand was still silting through the South Pier. Well, I deny that statement as there is no sand whatever going through since the repairs were done last summer, and for what object such misleading statements are made I cannot understand.

Under date 25th October the following letter was read from Mr. Stapleton:—

"Perhaps you would like to know that the bar at Courtown was never better than at present.

It was sluiced out on Friday and as far as I know left it all right. I wanted it sluiced out on Saturday and it was not done, and on this date when I mentioned it I was told that the bar was never better." marked "Read."

Deputy Coroner

Under date 19th November 1908; Mr. Peter French M.P., Coroner, wrote informing the Council, that he had, subject to their approval appointed Mr. J. J. Roche J.P., Clearestown, deputy coroner.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:-
That we approve of the appointment of Mr. J. J. Roche J.P., Clearestown; as Deputy Coroner for South Wexford."

Sub-committee - Intern & Fethard Old Age Pensions Act.

Under date 20th October 1908, Mr. Maurice Breen, Hon Sec., Hook United Irish League Branch, forwarded the following resolution adopted on 4th October:-

"That we the members of the above Branch enter our most emphatic protest against the formation of the old age pensions committee as relating to this parish. We think it grossly unfair to this parish to have only one member on above committee, and he one of the oldest members and therefore unable to attend constantly. We are of opinion that this parish should have at least two members on that important committee."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:-
That our Secretary inform Mr. Breen, Hon Sec Hook Branch United Irish League, that the sub-committees for Old Age Pensions Act were fixed at nine, and the Council regrets that it is not possible to make a change from this rule in the case of any one sub-committee."

Dock Regulations - Courtown Harbour.

Under date 4th November 1908, the following letter No 887, from Mr. Eliot J. May, H.M. Inspector of Factories relative to Dock Regulations, Courtown Harbour was read:-
"At a recent inspection of Courtown Harbour by my colleague Mr. Franklin, he found that the Dock Regulations under the Factory & Workshop Act were not complied with in the following particulars:
1.- No fencing at top of one set of steps on West side."

2. - means of escape at surface of water by chains or on west side not sufficient.

3. - a copy of the Regulations was not affixed.

I shall be obliged if you will give these matters your immediate attention, and let me have an acknowledgment of this letter."

Ordered :- "Referred to Co. Surveyor."

Proposed Loan for District Asylum

Under date 24th November 1908, Dr. Hugh J. J. Kennedy, Assistant Medical Superintendent, Asylum Enniscorthy, wrote asking that the following resolution of the Asylum Committee passed on 13th November, should be brought before the next meeting of the Co. Council :- "That the Co. Council be requested to obtain a loan of £750 for the following purposes :-

Purchase of land under Bore Hole
Pumping plant for same
Enlarged storage Battery
Lighting of Kilkarberry House.

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

That in view of the small amount required by the Asylum Committee to provide plant for water supply, and the formalities which have to be complied with, in order to obtain a loan we suggest to the Asylum Committee the advisability of paying the sum required out of maintenance."

Lamps at Ballyhack

Mr. Cummins called the attention of the meeting to the necessity which existed for a lamp at Ballyhack pier on the Council's property.

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor to report to the Council meeting in February 1909."

Prosecuting Road Contractor

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor was given permission should he consider it necessary to prosecute James Hayden, Road Contractor

Monamolin, Rathmore, for Road No. 6 New Ross Rural District."

Dates of meetings.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following dates of meetings were agreed to:-

Quarterly meeting Co. Council - February 9th at 10.30 a.m.

(Estimate of Rate to be considered at this meeting.)

New Ross Rural District - Tuesday April 6th 1909 - 11 a.m.

Gorey " " Wednesday " 7th " 11.30 "

Wexford " " Saturday " 10th " 10.30 "

Enniscorthy " " Tuesday " 13th " 11 "

Proposal Committee Thursday " 15th " 10 "

Co. Council Tuesday May 4th " 10.30 "

anchors at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 24th November, letter was read from Mr. R. Deane, Inspector Irish Lights Commissioners, asking to have marked on accompanying chart the position of two old anchors at Courtown Harbour, which the Courtown Harbour Committee were of opinion interfered with navigation.

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor."

South Wexford Postal arrangements.

Under date 15th October 1908 the Secretary General Post Office, London; wrote in connection with the South Wexford Postal arrangements as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 31st of August last, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that in view of their representations he has decided not to proceed with the proposed scheme for the revision of the postal services in the South Eastern part of County Wexford."

marked "Read."

Country Post Offices - Hours of attendance.

Under date 30th October 1908 the following letter was read from Mr. J. B. Boyne, Postmaster Wexford:-

"In accordance with the recommendation of a select committee appointed by Parliament in March 1906

to enquire into the petition of Sub-Postmasters, the Postmaster General has now decided that the period during which certain country Post offices shall be open for the transaction of postal business may not exceed 12 hours a day. To carry out this decision, arrangements are being made to reduce the hours of attendance at all such Post offices, and, in this connection, it is proposed to make the alterations described below. Before anything definite as regards these changes is decided on it is, however, necessary to ascertain whether your Council consider the proposed reduced hours of attendance convenient for the general public so far as the officers named are concerned.

I may explain that the hours suggested are those which will probably be most suitable for the Post Office Department.

I shall be obliged for an early reply." The Secretary stated:-

"This matter was before the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 13th October, when it was decided that the Committee had no objection to the proposed alterations as they considered these would not in anyway interfere with the convenience of the general public."

"On the motion of the Chairman the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted."

Election Expenses.

Under date 30th October 1908, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the County Council:- "Taking into consideration the amounts deducted by the Committee from your account of the late Election Expenses and the taxation of the printing accounts by the Registrar of the Co. Court Judge, your account to the extent of £645:16:7 has been allowed."

In addition to this sum the Judge allowed Mr. J. J. Healy, Solicitor for the Returning Officer, £4:4/- for his costs of attending on the taxation, and he allowed Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors for the Free Press, and Echo, £6:2:10 for their costs of like

attendance and for witnesses expenses, and these two sums will have to be paid by the Co. Council in addition to the amount of your account."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council pay the Returning Officer the sum of £18: 2: 7 the balance of his account; £4: 4/- to Mr. J. J. Healy, Solicitor; and £6: 2: 10 to Messrs P. J. O'Shaherty & Son, Ennisecorthy."

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Secretary stated that the deductions from the taxed printing accounts were:- Deducted from Echo &c £7: 9: 3, and from Free Press &c £22: 7: 3."

Marketing Farmers Produce

Under date 19th October, the following letter was read from Mr. J. L. Esmonde, Ballycoursey, Ennisecorthy, President North Wexford Farmers Society:-

"I am requested by the North Wexford Farmers Society to inform the Co. Council that apparently it is the general opinion of Wexford Farmers that were suitable agricultural industries established in the county a more profitable system of marketing farm produce would be possible."

The Council in conjunction with the Department has already brought about a considerable improvement in the methods of production but as no corresponding effort appears to have been made to improve the methods of marketing, or distribution of such produce, the advantage which should be gained from the increase of produce is considerably lessened if not altogether lost owing to the narrow limits of our local markets.

Local industries would enable produce to be sent to distant markets by bulking and converting it into more transportable shape and would also present it to the ultimate purchaser in a more convenient or attractive shape.

Our Society has considered this question very carefully and now recommends that the first and simplest industry which could be started is the substitution of a dead pork trade for the present wasteful system of selling live pigs to chance buyers.

This would require the establishment of local slaughterhouses, a system of local transit to a central depot, and daily communication with agents in the bacon curing towns of Great Britain and Ireland. It is not in the power of farmers to organize for this purpose without the assistance of some authoritative body to direct their efforts, and, to meet this difficulty, it is not unnatural that farmers - all of whom are ratepayers - should turn to their county council for direction in the matter.

I therefore write as directed to ask you to lay this letter before the next meeting of the Council with the request that it will consider its contents and inform the N. W. F. S. whether the Council will further the object stated."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted: - "That the letter of Mr. Esmond, be referred to the Committee of the Co. Council appointed to confer with a delegation from the North Wexford Farmers' Society on this subject. That we suggest the joint committee should meet in Wexford on Wednesday 20th January 1909 the date of the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Furniture Gorey Grand jury Room.

Under date 23rd November 1908 the following resolution was read from Gorey and Coolgreany Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee: - "at a meeting of the Gorey & Coolgreany Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee held on Wednesday November 18th the following resolution was unanimously passed on the motion of Canon W. Rossiter P.P., and seconded by D. W. W. Murphy - That this Sub-Committee request the County Council to supply this jury room at the Gorey Courthouse with the necessary furniture for the holding of meetings as the present furniture is altogether inadequate."

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to provide the necessary furniture for Grand jury room Gorey, at a cost not exceeding £4."

Defective Railway Service.

Under date 18th November the following letter (No D-44000) was read from Mr. James B. Inglis, Manager Gt. Western Railway Co:- "Your letter of the 13th instant communicating to me the terms of resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council on the previous day has been duly received.

In reply I have to point out that the complaint of the County Council relates, apparently, not to the discontinuance of the train run in connection with the day service of the Rosslare route during last summer, in respect of which an arrangement was made between the Dublin & South Eastern and this company, but rather in regard to a local train from Wexford to Dublin which was run for sometime prior to the establishment of the Fishguard-Rosslare service - largely for local purposes of that company and to accommodate local traffic, and I do not think that the Great Western company could reasonably be expected to pay a subsidy for such a train.

I am afraid, moreover, that neither the Great Western company, nor the Fishguard company could properly come under any financial or working cost obligation in connection with the efforts which the Wexford County Council are making to secure the performance by the Dublin & South Eastern company of what may be considered to be an ordinary and reasonable service between Wexford and Dublin."

The Secretary stated that in reply to this letter he had written as follows under date 20th November:-

"I have received your letter of the 18th Inst., relative to train service from Wexford to Dublin (No D-44,000) which I will lay before the meeting of my Council on 10th prox.

In the meantime I would like to point out to you that you are in error in supposing that the complaint of the Wexford Co. Council relates to the discontinuance of the 6.10 p.m. train from Wexford to Dublin, except in an indirect manner.

The resolution unanimously adopted by my Council

distinctly suggests, not the restoration of the 6.10 p.m. train, from Wexford to Dublin, but the restoration of the 5.55 p.m. train, formerly subsidised by your company, and serving exactly the same purpose in connection with your day boat service-Fishguard and Rosslare. It therefore seemed to the Council not unreasonable to suggest that your company, as the train in question was run and timed to suit this connection, should pay some subsidy towards endeavouring to overcome the present deadlock, and as the subsidy proposed by the Council is considerably smaller than what the Council understood your company originally paid, they considered it also reasonable that the scheduled time should be extended by 15 minutes to give an opportunity to the train to serve one or two more important stations on the route between Wexford & Dublin.

I trust that this explanation may alter your views and I would be glad to receive your further observations for the meeting of my Council on 1st prox."

The following further letter from Mr. Inglis, under date 23rd November, was read:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, but am afraid that what you say does not enable me to give any other reply than that contained in my former communication.

We shall, no doubt, hear in due course of the proposals of the Dublin & South Eastern Company, in connection with next Summer's service, and I shall be quite prepared to consider these suggestions at the proper time.

In the meantime I can only say that so far as the Gt. Western Company are concerned they are unable to do anything in the direction to which your former letter invited them."

"No Order."

Insurance of County Council.

Under date 10th November '08 the following letter was read from General Manager and Secretary of the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., 49 Dame Street, Dublin:-

"We beg to make application for a transfer of your Fire Insurance to this company.

It is unnecessary to remind you that it was inaugurated as an Irish company, with a view of saving for the country the economic outlay on Insurance, which is necessary expenditure entailed by Industrial progress.

That this idea has found issue in an up-to-date Irish Insurance company, with a capital of £200,000 of which over £100,000 has been subscribed under a Directorate widely representative of the best business interests in Ireland having its head offices in the capital of Ireland, is mainly due to the support so generally promised by the County Councils and Public Bodies.

We appeal, with confidence, now, at the outset of our career to the public spirit which has always distinguished the municipal authorities, for the realisation of this support; in which is bound up in a very special manner the success of the company. Several public bodies have already placed their Insurances with us, including the Dublin Corporation, who have given us their total business.

To enable it to deal with the larger Insurances of the Public Bodies, manufacturers and merchants, arrangements have been made, out of which the company derives a considerable advantage, of dividing its risks with leading companies, whose united funds amount to many millions, thus giving the most ample security to the largest insurer.

We do not, therefore, hesitate to ask you to place with us the largest line of business at your command and to do so on the first opportunity, without regard to the difficulties which it is only natural to expect are sure to be raised by those interested in other Insurance companies.

We enclose a list of some of the insurances already placed with this company."

The following letter was read from Mr. P. Donohoe Co. Council Office, under date 30th November:-

"The Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., have asked me, as their agent, to apply to the Council for

a transfer of their Fire Insurances. The Hibernian Insurance Co., is prepared to accept these transfers at the Rates presently paid by the Co. Council.

I understand an application from the Company's Head Office is now made in which the reasons are fully explained for seeking this transfer.

If the Co. Council agree to the transfer, I shall see that the necessary particulars are furnished to have the policies prepared."

The Chairman gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Co. Council that the Council transfer its fire insurances to the Hibernian Insurance Co., from the date of the maturing of the premiums.

Burial of Carcases.

In connection with the Burial of Carcases in Kilmore district the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of 30th December 1907:-

"That Mr. O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be paid £4 per annum for one year for burial of carcases in Kilmore district, appointment to be terminable by a month's notice at either side, and the question of re-appointment to come up after twelve months."

On the motion of Mr. James Bodd, seconded by Mr. J. J. Stafford, Mr. Edward O'Flaherty was re-appointed to carry out the burial of carcases in Kilmore district at a salary of £4 per annum."

Old Age Pensions Act - method of accounting.

Under date 17th November 1908 circular letter was read from the Treasury as to the method of accounting for expenditure under Old Age Pensions Act 1908. It was pointed out in this circular letter that it was proposed as from 1st January next that clerks of Pension Committees should be made responsible to the Treasury for the financial arrangements of the Committees (including Sub-Committees) and receive advances from and render accounts of expenditure to the Treasury directly without the intervention of the appointing Councils.

marked "Read."

Patent & Designs Act.

A number of queries were received from Cork Industrial Development Association in connection with the Patent & Designs Act 1907.

"Referred to the Secretary and Mr. Ennis to furnish the necessary particulars."

Parnell Memorial Fund.

The trustees of the Parnell Memorial Fund wrote asking that organized collections be made throughout Ireland to collect the expenses to clear off the cost of the monument.

marked "Read."

Analyst's Report.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1908.

24 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. J. C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	10.
Whiskey	7
Cheese	3
Buttermilk	1
Milk	1
Rum	1
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>24</u>

Certificate sent to Constable White, Gorey; for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 22 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs, four specimens of tea and one water were analysed. Two drugs were defective. The specimen

of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	8.820
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.075
saline ammonia	0.011
nitric acid	1.860
chlorine	1.491
Sulphuric acid	0.7306
Equal to calcium Sulphate	1.0000
a bad water.	

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, twelve drugs and one specimen of water were analysed. Two drugs were defective. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters,	57.460
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.037
saline ammonia	0.140
nitric acid	13.600
chlorine	9.940
Sulphuric acid	5.7648
Equal to calcium Sulphate	8.0000

a highly polluted water.

One specimen of water analysed for G. W. Taylor, Esq North main street, Wexford; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	22.400
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.009
saline ammonia	0.004
nitric acid	0.640
chlorine	1.789
Sulphuric acid	3.603
Equal to calcium Sulphate	5.000

a tolerably good water.

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

Total analysis. 62.

adulterated & defective articles 6.

Wrecks at Burracloe.

On the motion of Mr. Fortune, seconded by Mr. Kihoe the following resolution was adopted: - "That our Secretary again communicate with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights, and call their attention to the danger to navigation caused by the old wrecks at Burracloe, and Blackwater, and request that these bodies should take steps to have these obstructions removed."

meetings of committees

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted: - "That the fixing of dates for meetings of Roads Committee and Election Expenses Committee be referred to the Finance Committee with power to fix suitable dates."

The advertising contract.

The Secretary stated that as the Co. Wexford Independent, did not appear last week he was unable to advertise the works untendered for at Rural District Council meetings - in fact in the case of Enniscorthy District as he did not receive the list of works untendered for until the day before the meeting of the Co. Council it was impossible to advertise the works from this district.

The Auditor would take up the examination of the accounts for September half year this week and according to article 26 (b) of the public bodies Order it was necessary to advertise notice of audit, in some one or more of the public newspapers circulating throughout the county. He did not know whether the Wexford Independent would be published anymore and asked for instructions from the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. John Bolger the following resolution was adopted: - "That our Secretary ask the proprietors of the local newspapers what they would charge for the insertion of "notice of audit" and report to the meeting of the Finance Committee on Saturday next."

The Secretary further stated that he had received the following letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., in connection with a paying order for £10 passed in favour of the Wexford Independent in respect of advertising contract to 30th September :-

"We hereby caution you against paying any money to the Wexford Independent printing Co., L^{td} which is in liquidation. The cheque must either be paid into Court or to Messrs Redington & Sainsbury, 14 Dawson Street, Dublin; who are solicitors for the Petitioners."

The Secretary said he had laid the matter before Mr. Elgee, who wrote him as follows :-

"I am in receipt of yours of this day's date enclosing letter from Messrs O'Connor & Co., cautioning you against making any payment to the Independent Printing Co., L^{td}, and in reply I write to say, that you cannot pay the money into Court, nor to Messrs Redington & Sainsbury, as they ask you to do; until there is an order of the Court directing you to do so; and for the present all you can do is to hold the paying order until you get a direction from the Court as to its disposal."

I return Messrs O'Connor & Co., letter."

Continuing the Secretary said that on receipt of Mr. Elgee's letter he had written as follows to the manager "to Wexford Independent:-

"With reference to pay order for £10 for advertising which has been passed by my Co. Council in favour of your company, I enclose for your information:-

- 1.- Copy letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., asking that this order should be lodged in Court or paid Messrs Redington & Sainsbury.
- 2.- Copy letter from Mr. R. W. Elgee, solicitor to the Wexford County Council, advising me to hold Order until I receive an order of a competent Court directing me to whom to hand the Order, and
- 3.- Letter from me to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., stating that I will act on Mr. Elgee's advice."

"The Council approved of the action taken by the Secretary in this matter."

Resolutions.

Old Age Pensions Act.

From Newtownbarney & Ferns Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"That we, the members of this sub-committee, believe that a great hardship has been inflicted upon those of the aged poor who have been debarred from receiving old age pensions by the fact of their being recipients of poor law relief during the present year, and we are thereupon convinced that the Old Age Pension Law should in this respect be amended."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman (Mr Ennis)"

From Gorey & Coolgreany Sub-Committee:-

"That we, the members of the Gorey & Coolgreany Old Age Pensions sub-committee, desire to bring before the notice of the Local Government Board the urgent necessity of putting persons over seventy years of age, who are at present receiving out-door relief, on the same footing as those who come under the benefit of the act on January 1st next, by allowing them the difference between their present relief and the five shillings pension."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman (Mr Ennis)"

New Bridge, Waterford.

From Waterford Corporation:-

"That having heard with much surprise and regret the Report of the Vice Regal Commission re the Waterford Bridge, we, the Corporation of the City, do hereby most respectfully petition his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to afford us and representatives of the contributing districts an opportunity for urging upon His Excellency our views and objections to the Report, and to point out that, in our opinion, the alternative of a Ferro-concrete Bridge or other material, which we have reason to believe can be erected with such guarantees and safeguards as to durability and permanence as to recommend its adoption at a cost of at least 30 per cent cheaper in its initial erection, besides result in an annual saving in upkeep of a very considerable sum which must follow if a steel bridge be erected. We believe we can obtain such

information as will satisfy his Excellency, and respectfully ask that we may be authorised to obtain and submit such information, and to invite plans and estimates for His Excellency's consideration, as the burden which the Report, now objected to, lays upon us is much too heavy for this city and district to bear unaided; and that copies of this resolution be sent to each of the contributing areas."

"Considered by Special Committee Waterford Bridge."

From Waterford Harbour Commissioners:-

"We, the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, being concerned for the prosperity of the Port and City of Waterford, have from its initiation strongly approved of the Free Bridge movement, in the earlier and more critical stages of which we appeared by counsel and witnesses to support the project. Having now learned that the Report of the Viceregal Commission recommends the construction of a new steel bridge at an estimated cost of £114,000, we desire to emphatically protest against the adoption of any design that would involve such enormous outlay, as we are convinced that this figure far exceeds the sum of which an entirely suitable bridge could be erected. We notice that the £114,000 estimate provides for an opening span 80 feet wide and - as the navigation authority concerned in this matter - we are of opinion that a span of 60 feet would be ample. The width of the opening span in the present wooden structure is 40 feet, and that of the new Railway Bridge, half a mile further upriver, 50 feet; and the 80 feet span would not facilitate the passage of small vessels through the bridge, as owing to the strong currents two vessels could not safely pass through together, either in the same or opposite directions. We trust that before any final decision is come to, the various local public bodies, who are so deeply interested in the matter, will be afforded an opportunity of stating their views and putting forward some alternative scheme."

"Considered by Special Committee Waterford Bridge."

Edmund Horne

Special meeting- 30th December 1908.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 30th December, to consider and if approved, adopt provisional agreement entered into by committee with regard to the letting of the Wexford Prison premises to the community of St. John of God, for a certified Inebriate Home for females.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore (vice chairman) presiding.
Other members- Messrs J. J. Stafford, M. A. Ennis, M. Browne, John J. Kehoe, James Codd, and Patrick Fortune.

The Secretary, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Mr. Ennis explained in detail the negotiations which had taken place between himself as a member of the committee deputed by the Co. Council, to deal with the matter, and the Communities of the Good Shepherd, and of St. John of God Nuns, which had resulted in a provisional agreement being arrived at between himself and the community of St. John of God, for the letting to the latter of the prison premises for the purposes of a certified Inebriate Home for Catholic females.

The provisional agreement having been read and considered the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Kehoe :- "That the provisional agreement entered into by Mr. Ennis and the community of the Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford, for the letting of the prison premises be ratified and adopted."

Barristown mines.

Under date 29th December, the following letter was read from Mr. W. H. Lett, Balloughton House, Bannow.

"I am doing some exploring works at Barristown mines with very good results so far, and now we have come to the point to open the old adit used by

former company, and for this purpose require to lay a rail across the public road for small wagons to cross to the west with the material which will afterwards be used to make a washing yard between the sea wall and the river, north of the cottage on the works. Before doing so I must have permission from your council, and shall feel obliged if you will kindly lay my request before them, and let me have your reply as soon as possible. Of course I will be accountable for the part of the road which the rails will cross, to keep it in proper repair, and when finished to leave it as I got it in every way. Need I say the great benefit such work will be for the protection of that part of the foreshore which has cost a considerable sum lower down.

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:— "That the County Surveyor be instructed to wait on Mr. Lett, and ascertain what he proposes doing in connection with the laying of rails across the road so as to provide adequately for the safety and convenience of the public, and that the County Surveyor report on the matter to next meeting."

— Damage to Courtown Harbour. —

It was decided that the consideration of damage to Courtown Harbour be referred to Messrs John Bolger, M. A. Ennis, James J. Stafford, and John J. Kehoe.

Edward Hore